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ANNUAL REPORTS  
*of the*  
Town Officers  
*of*  
Amherst, N. H.  
*for the*  
*Year Ending December 31, 1977*

*Also*  
Officers of School District  
*Year Ending June 30, 1977*



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## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of citizens who served the Town faithfully in past years. . . .

**Leroy Wheeler**, who worked for the Highway Department for a period of 25 years.

**Benjamin G. Bundy**, who served as a Trustee of the Library from 1960 to 1973.

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# *Town Officers*

Population — June, 1977 — 8400

## *Moderator*

M. A. Wight, Jr., 1978

## *Selectmen*

Edward C. Masten, 1978

Ann D. Snow, 1979

Samuel Klein, 1980

Thomas G. Grella, 1979

Bert McGill, 1980

Barbara H. Landry, Secretary

## *Town Clerk*

Bernice G. Boothroyd

## *Tax Collector*

Barbara H. Landry

## *Treasurer*

Marion M. Sortevik

## *Town Counsel*

William R. Drescher

## *Health Officer*

Dr. James C. Starke

## *Welfare Officer*

Edward C. Masten

## *Zoning Administrator*

Russell Abbate

## *Building Inspector*

Douglas Guy

## *Road Agent*

Richard G. Crocker

## *Police Chief*

John T. Osborn, Jr.

## *Fire Chief*

Marshall D. Strickland

## *Fire Wards*

Marshall D. Strickland

David Herlihy

Richard G. Crocker

## *Auditors*

Orson Bragdon

Garret Cowenhoven

## *Custodian of Town Buildings*

Ernest Law

## *Recreation Director*

Charles "Pete" Houston

### *Supervisors of the Checklists*

Audrey Spalding, 1980                      Constance George, 1982  
Robert Wishart, 1978

### *Rescue Squad*

Gustav Just                                      Richard Kelley, Resigned

### *Civil Preparedness*

Roy E. Maston, Director                      Harding C. Sortevik, Deputy Director

### *Trustee of Trust Funds*

David T. Ramsay, 1980                      George W. Brown, 1978  
Raymond Woolson, 1979

### *Cemetery Trustees*

David T. Ramsay                      Harold Nazro                      Edward C. Masten

### *Library Trustees*

Lucy Ramsay, 1980                      Janice Shethar, 1979  
JoAnn Just, 1980                      E. Daniel Johnson, 1978  
Elizabeth Lyle, 1979                      W. Ryland Cox, 1978

### *Planning Board*

Roger Smith, Chairman, 1979  
James Shildneck, 1982                      Robert Crouter, 1981  
Scott Sutherland, 1980                      Douglas Kirkwood, Alternate  
Robert Suomala, 1978                      Samuel Klein, ex-officio  
Frederick Porter, Alternate

### *Board of Adjustment*

Roger M. Brown, Chairman, 1978  
Arnold Dickinson, 1982                      Rosemary Daly, 1981  
Thomas Carson, Resigned                      Ralph T. Haskell, 1978  
Clark Stewart, 1978                      Russell Steeves, Resigned

### *Road Commissioners*

Harold Warner, 1978    Everett Leach, 1979    Meric Arnold, 1980

### *Nashua Regional Planning Commission*

Judy Hordon, 1980                      Martin Michaelis, 1978

### *Conservation Commission*

Herbert Harding, 1978                      William Weatherbee, 1979  
Elizabeth Barrett, 1978                      Charles Tiedeman, 1980  
Alice E. Arnold, 1979                      William Goodwill, 1980  
Michael Grubb, Resigned                      Wallace Warren, 1980



*Historic District Commission*

Anna M. Jones, 1980                      George W. Brown, 1979, Chairman  
Robert Crouter, 1978                      Thomas G. Grella, ex-officio  
Barbara Berlack, 1978

*Recreation Commission*

Susan Kierstead, 1979  
John Magill, 1980                      Carl Wheeler, 1978  
Mary Sparks, 1978                      Stephen Oaks, 1980

*Tree Committee*

Howard Parkhurst, 1980   Ann C. Hines, 1979   Joseph Luongo, 1978

*Independence Day Committee*

Ann Bergin, Chairman

*Memorial Day Committee*

Peter Bergin, Chairman

*Ways and Means Committee*

John Mendolusky, Chairman  
Mary Waterman                      Jean Lyon  
Thomas F. Clark                      Susan Monson  
Felix Hertzka                      Robert Slick

*Representatives to the General Court*

M. A. Wight, Jr.                      Joanne Head                      Josephine Martin

*Member of the State Senate*

Alan Rock

*Town Government Study Committee*

Donald Davis, 1978, Chairman                      Paul Savage, 1979  
Ingrid Michaelis, 1978                      Burton Knight, 1980  
   Evelyn Dudley, 1980

*Highway Safety Committee*

John T. Osborn, Jr. — Chief of Police  
Marshall Strickland — Fire Chief                      Gustav Just — Rescue  
Roy Maston — Civil Preparedness                      Bert McGill — Selectman  
Robert H. Prew — Citizen                      Richard Crocker — Highway Agent  
Ronald L. Pomerleau — School Board Member

*Souhegan Regional Landfill District*

Thornton Jesdale, 1980                      Norman VanDine, 1979

# *Town Warrant*

The State of New Hampshire

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voting on Article 1 through 5 will be at the polls.

Remaining articles will be considered at the  
meeting held at 8:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

## Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

## Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to make the following Changes in the Zoning Maps and the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst:

### **VOTE #1**

#### **BOUNDARY OF INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance** by modifying the zoning map with respect to the boundary between the Western Boundary of the Industrial Zone and Eastern Boundary of the Rural Zone on the South side of Old Nashua Road so that the former boundary is removed and the new boundary described from North (Old Nashua Road) to South (Hollis-Amherst Town Line) will be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northeast corner of Lot 19 - Tax Map #2 and the northwest corner of Lot 20 - Tax Map #2 at a point in the south line of Old Nashua Road;

Southerly by a line:

constituting the boundary between Lots 19 and 20 on Tax Map #2;

constituting the boundary between Lots 12 and 20 on Tax Map #2;

through Lot #12 and 12-1 from the southwest corner of Lot #20 to the northeast corner of Lot #10, as shown on Tax Map #2

constituting the boundary between Lots 10 and 12 on Tax Map #2

constituting the boundary between Lots 12-2 and 26-1 on Tax Map #2 to a point constituting the southeasternmost corner of Lot #12-2, as shown on said Tax Map;

thence westerly by the south line of Lot #12-2 as shown on said Tax Map to the center line of a brook identified on said Tax Map #2, said point being in the south line of Lot #12-2 on said Tax Map; thence

southerly and southeasterly by the center line of said brook identified on said Tax Map #2 to the Hollis Town line.

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

By modifying the zoning map with respect to the boundary between the Western Boundary of the Industrial Zone and Eastern Boundary of the Rural Zone on the South side of Old Nashua Road so that the former boundary is removed and the new boundary described from North (Old Nashua Road) to South (Hollis-Amherst Town Line).

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #2**

**OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** to change Article IV, Section 4-12, paragraph C, Section 2 by deleting from the 2nd paragraph of said section the words "twenty-five per cent and substituting therefor the words 'fifteen percent' "

and

by adding the words "... to be built ..." to the 12th line of the first paragraph so that said line reads as follows:

"... number of dwelling units (to be built) within the Open Space Development, shall ..."

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

By changing Article IV, Section 4-12, paragraph C, Section 2 by deleting from the 2nd paragraph of said section the words "twenty-five per cent and substituting therefor the words 'fifteen percent' "

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #3  
SIGNS**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** by deleting Line #5 from Article III, Section 3-4, Paragraph D and substitute therefor the following:

No neon or tubular signs, flashing, internally lighted, or revolving signs shall be permitted in any district. Any such signs existing at the enactment of this change to the Zoning Ordinance will be phased out of existence no later than five (5) years after said enactment. Signs may be lighted externally. Such lighting shall be shielded so as not to present a hazard to automotive traffic. Signs shall be lighted only during the hours when the associated establishment is open for business.

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To preclude internally lighted signs.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #4  
BUILDING PERMITS**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** by deleting Article VI, Section 6-2, in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

**SECTION 6-2 PERMITS  
Building Permits; Certificates of Occupancy  
Earth Material Removal Permits**

**A. BUILDING PERMITS:**

No building or structure shall hereafter be erected or structurally altered until a building permit shall be issued by the Selectmen or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator stating that the building or structure, and use of land comply with the regulations of this ordinance and all building and health laws and ordinances.

**B. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY:**

No building or structure hereafter erected or structurally altered shall be occupied or used until a certificate has been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. The certificate shall be issued only after the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator makes a finding that the building or structure has been constructed, arranged, or structurally altered or is to be used in conformance with the pro-

visions of this ordinance and all other health, safety and building laws, including but not limited to a requirement that the site be serviced by all necessary utilities including municipal water (or that potable water in sufficient quantities be available if municipal water is not provided) and that construction be in accordance with all representations made as part of the application for and granting of the building permit.

#### **C. USES AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY:**

No change shall be made in the use of a building or part thereof now or hereafter erected or structurally altered, or in the use of land now or hereafter occupied, nor shall any use of a building or land be undertaken, without a Certificate of Occupancy having first been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. No such certificate shall be issued to make such change or undertake such use unless it is in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance or amendments thereto hereafter duly enacted.

#### **D. EARTH MATERIAL REMOVAL:**

No earth material as defined in Section 3-8 hereof shall be removed unless a permit has been applied for and obtained in a fashion consistent with the provisions of Section 3-8 hereof.

**E.** The Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, may require of any applicant for a permit such sketches, drawings, plot plans, or other material as are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, to make a decision as to compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

**F.** If an applicant requests a permit to undertake an activity on a lot not conforming in size and frontage as otherwise required by this ordinance and is making application under Article IV, Section 4-2 of this ordinance, such applicant shall file as part of his application, the date of the recording and the Register of Deeds reference number of the recording of the non-conforming lot.

**G.** The Administrative Official shall be a salaried employee of the Town and shall be paid a salary as determined by the Selectmen and approved by the Town as part of the annual budget.

**H.** All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire and become invalid two years from the date of issuance of the permit.

**I.** 1. Upon receipt of the application for a permit with sufficient information to clearly establish the nature and extent of the proposed activity, the Administrative Official shall determine whether the proposed activity or use constitutes a permitted use within the provisions of this ordinance or whether a special exception, or a variance is required.

2. If the proposed use requires a special exception or a variance, the Administrative Official shall refer the application for permit to the Board of Adjustment for action.

3. If the proposed use or activity is within the provisions of this ordinance, the Administrative Official shall post a notice in two public places in the Town of Amherst, one of which shall be at the

Town Hall and no permit shall be issued until said notice has been posted for a period of seven days. If during that period the Administrative Official received no objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he shall thereafter issue the permit. If during that period the Administrative Official received objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he may issue the permit, refer the application to the Board of Adjustment for action, or deny the permit. (Provided, however, that if the application is for a building permit to erect a new single family dwelling unit then Section 3-13 of this ordinance must be complied with in addition to the foregoing and no permit shall be issued except in accordance with said Section 3-13.)

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To reword the Section pertaining to building permits and clarify the types of permits and the circumstances under which they would be issued.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #5**

**ROUTE 101-A COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as Follows:**

A. To amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst in the vicinity of Route 101-A as follows:

1. To establish the following described area as a "Commercial District":

The area currently designated as "Industrial" on the South side of Route 101-A between the Milford Town Line on the West and the "Commercial" area at the intersection of Routes 122 and 101-A on the East.

2. To amend the district boundaries of the area currently designated as "Industrial" on the north side of Route 101-A in the vicinity of and across said Route 101-A from Mother Gardner's Crossing, so that said district will be divided into a "Commercial" district, an "Industrial" district and a "Residential" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 88, 89-1, and 89-2 on Property Map No. 2 changed to "Commercial."

Only that portion of said district consisting of a portion of Lot 86 on Tax Map No. 2 retained as "Industrial."

The remainder of said district to be changed to "Residential District."

3. To amend the district boundaries of all of the area currently designated as "Transition" on the north side of Route 101-A, the east boundary of which is 1500' west of and across Route 101-A

from North Hollis Road so that said district will be divided into a "Residential" district and a "Commercial" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 70, 72-9 to 72-20 inclusive, 75, 76 and 78 to be changed to "Residential."

The remainder of said district to become "Commercial."

4. To amend the district boundaries of all the areas currently designated "Transition" on the south side of Route 101-A so that said areas will be changed to "Commercial."

B. To amend Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting in its entirety Section 4-7 Commercial District and substituting therefor the following:

## **SECTION 4-7 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ("C" DISTRICT)**

### **A. GENERAL PURPOSE**

To provide commercial areas to serve major commercial and business needs of the general public.

### **B. PERMITTED USES**

- (1) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District.
- (2) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles.
  - b. Hotels and motels.
  - c. Department stores and supermarkets.
  - d. Public utility building, structure or facility.

### **C. AREA AND FRONTAGE REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be one (1) acre except for a residential use which shall be two (2) acres.
- (2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet on the principal route of access to the lot.

### **D. YARD AND BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) Each structure shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet and all parking areas shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the edge of the highway right-of-way; a landscaped area sufficient to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer shall exist between the highway and improved areas along it (subject, however, to the exception listed at Section 3-11-C above.)

No existing building, structure, or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within these setbacks.

- (2) Each structure shall also be set back thirty (30) feet from side and rear lot lines or sixty (60) feet from side lot lines constituting streets where the lot is a corner lot.

- (3) Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscape buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.

(4) No building shall be constructed to a height greater than two and one-half (2½) stories or thirty-five (35) feet (whichever is lesser) exclusive of stacks, towers, etc.

(5) The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of 0.4 for one story buildings and 0.7 for two story buildings.

(6) A minimum of thirty (30) per cent of the area of any lot shall remain landscaped open space and not be utilized for construction (including parking).

(7) There shall be no more than one access to any lot wherever desirable for traffic safety and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

(8) All storage and/or equipment parking areas shall be fenced, screened, landscaped, or otherwise protected from view.

C. To amend the Zoning Ordinance by deleting any reference to "TRANSITION DISTRICT"

D. To amend Article IV, Section 4-9, Industrial District as follows:

(1) Delete Section 4-9 (A) (8) and substitute therefor the following:

(8) Corporate and business offices compatible with other permitted uses in the district.

(9) Wholesale business and storage.

(10) Storage yards (but not junk yards).

(11) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District except residential.

(12) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:

a. retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles;

b. hotels and motels;

c. department stores and supermarkets;

d. public utility building, structure or facility.

(2) To amend paragraph C as follows:

(C) Area and Frontage Requirements:

(1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use enumerated in paragraph A subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive) shall be one acre and for any permitted use enumerated in subsection 11 and 12 of said paragraph A shall be 3 acres.

(2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of:

(a) 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot if the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive).

b. If the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 11 or 12 then minimum frontage shall be either

(1) 500 feet along Route 101-A; or

(2) If a corner lot, 400 feet along Route 101-A plus 200 feet on the side road that leads to 101-A

(3) Amend Paragraph "D-1" by adding the following

"... All building and parking areas shall be set back at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the edge of the Route 101-A right-



of-way; this one hundred fifty (150) feet to be landscaped sufficiently to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer between the highway and the buildings and parking areas along it. No existing building, structure or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within this one hundred fifty (150) foot area.

(4) Amend Paragraph "D-6" to read as follows:

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive). There shall be no more than one access to any lot and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 11 and 12. There shall be no more than one combined entry-exit along Route 101-A except that:

- a. if there is access to a side road in addition to Route 101-A there may be only a single entry point off Route 101-A and all exiting must be onto the side road;
- b. if there is no access to a side road and frontage along Route 101-A exceeds 600 feet a second entry point of access may be permitted if desirable to facilitate safe traffic flow.

(5) Add new paragraph "E" as follows:

Access to any lot with frontage on Route 101-A shall be by such other streets as are available and not by Route 101-A unless no other access is available.

#### **BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To eliminate the "Transition District" by changing certain areas along Route 101-A to "Commercial District", "Industrial District" and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District" and "Industrial District"?

YES ☐

NO ☐

#### **VOTE #6**

#### **WATERSHED PROTECTION AREA**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** by adding the following to Article 3, Section 3-12 (B) at the end of the language therein contained:

"..., and any areas of surface or ground water of such a nature that if altered by dredging, filling, relocating or otherwise would result in damage or destruction to habitats and reproduction areas for plants, fish and wildlife of importance; or would result in eliminating, depreciating or obstructing the commerce, recreation and aesthetic enjoyment of the public, or would be detrimental to adequate ground water levels, or would adversely affect stream channels and their ability to handle runoff of waters, or would disturb and reduce the natural ability of wetlands to absorb flood waters and silt."

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To increase the coverage of the regulations of the Water Shed Protection area by expanding the definition of the same.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #7**

**ROADS IN NEW SUBDIVISIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by deleting in its entirety Article III, Section 3-9, Paragraph A in order that the substance of the withdrawn language may be incorporated into the Town of Amherst's Subdivision Regulations pursuant to N.H.R.S.A. 36:22.

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

By deleting in its entirety Article III, Section 3-9, Paragraph A, in order that the substance of the withdrawn language may be incorporated into the Town of Amherst's Subdivision Regulations pursuant to N.H.R.S.A. 36:22.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #8**

**MINIMUM AREA OF DWELLING UNIT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following to Article 3, Section 3-7-C

"... or 1200 square feet of total area if more than one (1) story."

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the zoning ordinance to permit smaller first floor area in residential construction than heretofore required.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #9**  
**HOME OCCUPATIONS**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** to change the definition of Residential District Home Occupation as contained in Article IX, Section 9-1 so that the words "... no commodity sold, or offered for sale upon the premises ..." are deleted and add at the end of the first sentence of said definition the following: "... so long as said Residential District Home Occupation does not create a nuisance or traffic hazard and meets all other criteria applicable to special exceptions ...."

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To change the definition of Residential District Home Occupation as contained in Article IX, Section 9-1 so that the words "... no commodity sold, or offered for sale upon the premises ..." are deleted and add at the end of the first sentence of said definition the following: "... so long as said Residential District Home Occupation does not create a nuisance or traffic hazard and meets all other criteria applicable to special exceptions ...."

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #10 (By Petition)**

**LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT - TOWN CENTER**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for the Town of Amherst in the vicinity of Middle and Main Street, as follows:**

- A. To amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst as follows:  
"The area designated on Property Map No. 17 as Lot 97 on Middle Street and Main Street be amended so that it constitutes a "Limited Commercial (Town Center) District."
- B. To amend Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 4-13, Limited Commercial (Town Center) District to have all of the uses enumerated in Section 4-8 of the Zoning Ordinance (LC District), with the exception of category 5 of said Section, but also to include, as additional permitted uses, a post office, this new District shall be otherwise governed by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Limited Commercial District, including frontage, yard and building, and sign requirements, this District shall remain subject to the regulation of the Historic District Commission.

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance and zoning map for the Town of Amherst in the vicinity of Middle and Main Streets, as follows:

To amend the zoning map of the Town of Amherst as follows:

"The area designated on property map no. 17 as Lot 97 Middle Street and Main Street be amended so that it constitutes a "Limited Commercial (Town Center) District."

To amend Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 4-13, Limited Commercial (Town Center) District to have all of the uses enumerated in Section 4-8 of the Zoning Ordinance (LC District), with the exception of category 5 of said Section, but also to include, as additional permitted uses, a post office, this new District shall be otherwise governed by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the Limited Commercial District, including frontage, yard and building, and sign requirements, this District shall remain subject to the regulation of the Historic District Commission.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE #11 (By Petition)**

**101-A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance** by modifying the Zoning Map with respect to the zoning of Lot 12-40 located on Route 101-A and that the same be reclassified from residential to commercial.

**BALLOT QUESTION TO READ:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by modifying the Zoning Map with respect to the zoning of Lot 12-40 located on Route 101-A and that the same be reclassified from residential to commercial.

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 3.**

Shall we (The Town of Amherst) adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-B relative to expanded exemption on real estate for the elderly, changing the basis of the exemption from the equalized assessed value to the actual assessed valuation.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4.

Shall we (The Town of Amherst) adopt the new provisions of RSA 72:43-C to expand exemptions on real estate for the elderly, changing the eligibility requirement that a person may own no more than \$35,000 in assets of any kind to a requirement that a person may own no more than \$50,000 in assets of any kind.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5. (By Petition)

Are you in favor of changing the term of the Town Treasurer from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the Town Treasurer to be elected at the next year's regular Town Meeting?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 6.

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith or take action relative thereto:

Appropriation

Library — books	\$1,500.00
Town Hall — Carpet	3,000.00
Recreation — Walk	500.00

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\$5,000.00

#### Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase and equip an ambulance to replace the 1972 ambulance, and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and receive Federal funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$7,500.00 of the funds so raised and appropriated, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$6,000.00 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund as an offset against the funds so raised and appropriated and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 from the Revenue Sharing Funds to be applied against the funds so raised and appropriated with the balance of \$11,500.00 to be raised by taxation or take action relative thereto.

#### Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

#### Article 11.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for the acquisition of land and necessary engineering drawings for a proposed joint police/rescue facility and authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000.00 from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 to be applied against this appropriation or take action relative thereto.

#### Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the further development of the Master Plan as authorized by the Town Meeting of March 1974 and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 to be applied against this appropriation.

### Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to repair the damages to the roof at Baboosic Pavillion and to authorize the withdrawal of a like amount from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of State and Local Assistance act of 1972 to be applied against this appropriation or take action relative thereto.

### Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$148,000.00) to construct a new bridge on the Merrimack Road approximately 1100 feet easterly of Route 122; (estimated cost of bridge \$60,000.00), including approximately 800 feet of new approaches (estimated cost \$30,000.00), engineering fees (estimated cost \$8,000.00), and the rebuilding of Merrimack Road from Route 122 to the easterly approach of the bridge (estimated cost \$50,000.00); the amount to be expended to be financed by the issuance of short term serial notes for a period of three years at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

### Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to construct 800 feet of approaches (estimated cost \$30,000.00) and a bridge on the Merrimack Road, approximately 1100 feet easterly of Route 122 (estimated cost \$65,000.00) and allow for engineering fees (estimated cost \$5,000.00); the amount expended to be paid in a period of three years by the issuance of short term serial notes at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

### Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Anti-Recession Funds established by the State and Local Assistance Act as amended for use as an off-set against the budgeted appropriations for summer employment at Baboosic Lake Park in the amount of \$3,000.00 or take action relative thereto.

#### Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the optional fiscal year allowed under RSA 31:94A and approve an eighteen month accounting period running from January 1, 1979 to June 30th, 1980. Thereafter the accounting period shall run from July 1 to June 30th of the following year.

#### Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of R.S.A. 31:105 – “Indemnification for Damages” to indemnify and save harmless from loss or damage occurring after said vote any person employed by it, any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demands, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage or destruction of property, if the indemnified person at the time of the accident resulting in injury, damage or destruction was acting in the scope of his employment or office, and to further adopt the provisions of R.S.A. 31:107 – Purchase of Insurance and to purchase comprehensive general liability insurance necessary to protect itself, its officers, and employees against such liability as set forth under the provisions of R.S.A. 31:105 and 106.

#### Article 19.

(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion to provide open space and recreational use in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 36-A.



Article 20.

(By Petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire, will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the improvement, resurfacing, landscaping, drainage, and erection of protective fencing, backstops, and lavatory facilities on Upper Wilkins Field, according to the specifications of the State of New Hampshire, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, or take action relative thereto.

Article 21.

(By Petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will send a letter to the General Court urging the Court to pass legislation that would prohibit utilities from including in their rates charges for construction work in progress (CWIP) for facilities not actually able to provide service.

Given under our hands and seal, this 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

EDWARD C. MASTEN  
ANN SNOW  
THOMAS GRELLA  
SAMUEL KLEIN  
BERT MCGILL

Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

EDWARD C. MASTEN  
ANN SNOW  
THOMAS GRELLA  
SAMUEL KLEIN  
BERT MCGILL

Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

## BUDGET

Purpose of Appropriation	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 1978-79
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$23,018.00	\$ 22,004.50	\$ 26,580.00
Town Officers' Expenses	48,234.00	45,406.61	49,271.00
Election & Registration Expenses	2,000.00	1,708.54	4,900.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	23,006.00	21,844.18	22,043.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	22,467.00	24,746.99	31,170.00
Contingency Fund	6,500.00	7,709.32	9,000.00
Mapping	4,000.00	2,627.46	3,000.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</b>			
Police Department	140,509.00	156,043.57	160,694.00
Fire Department	60,260.00	71,574.50	59,895.00
Care of Trees	3,400.00	2,332.00	3,000.00
Insurance	42,738.00	53,206.87	66,311.00
Planning & Zoning	39,328.00	36,616.59	43,587.00
Damages & Legal Expense	14,260.00	18,909.11	21,410.00
Civil Defense	1,050.00	1,417.59	1,450.00
<b>Health Department:</b>	22,918.00	23,505.25	17,824.00
Vital Statistics	100.00		
Sewer Maintenance	0.00		
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	26,076.24	51,671.56	50,267.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town Maint. — Summer & Winter	246,846.12	264,323.69	326,909.22
Street Lighting	6,100.00	5,775.15	6,250.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	27,506.00	30,963.20	32,678.00
Town Road Aid	2,191.27	2,101.27	2,206.11
<b>Libraries:</b>	45,157.00	45,712.77	55,234.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	8,500.00	8,925.94	10,500.00
Old Age Assistance	6,500.00	5,467.00	7,500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>	3,135.00	2,996.14	2,200.00
<b>Recreation:</b>	39,295.00	71,557.86	44,635.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Municipal Water—Electric Utilities	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
Cemeteries	23,234.00	23,234.56	9,320.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Interest—Long Term Notes & Bonds		11,297.37	
Interest on Temporary Loans	15,000.00	1,355.69	5,000.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Police Cruiser	5,200.00	4,500.00	
Bridge	160,000.00	152,334.61	
Conservation Land	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Fire Truck	33,400.00	78,833.27	
Highway Truck		27,673.24	
Special Gas Purchase		2,223.43	

ARTICLES			291,000.00
Grader	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Truck Fund	15,000.00	16,905.00	15,000.00
Sp. Highway Eq.	16,125.00	16,125.00	16,125.00
New Funds		1,265.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,168,428.63</b>	<b>\$1,373,224.24</b>	<b>\$1,405,334.33</b>
Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978-79
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 74,174.31	\$ 70,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	8,000.00	11,632.80	11,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	50,000.00	57,043.21	57,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	36,521.12	36,521.12	58,616.22
Reimb. Forest Conservation Aid		6.00	
Reimb. A-C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,068.00	2,068.00	2,171.00
Federal Rebate		116.13	
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses	2,600.00	3,298.80	4,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	200.00	27,916.62	27,550.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	145,000.00	176,921.50	175,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	35,000.00	40,225.26	40,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	4,200.00	4,275.22	4,818.00
Withdrawal Capital Res. Funds	10,000.00	99,079.00	6,000.00
Fines & Forfeits—Municipal & District Court		55.00	100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	300.00	539.50	400.00
Resident Taxes Retained	44,500.00	44,090.00	45,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	200.00	2,063.75	200.00
Rent of Town Property	5,390.00	4,460.00	5,820.00
Sale of Town Property		4,684.76	
Income from Departments	51,113.00	45,420.57	13,174.00
Gas Refund	1,300.00	1,958.97	2,000.00
Gifts	2,662.00	5,175.80	
Bonds & Note Issues (Contra)			148,000.00
<b>Surplus:</b>	16,125.00	118,825.00	
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	53,864.00	41,933.73	56,000.00
Grants	10,814.00	23,820.34	37,435.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 539,857.12</b>	<b>\$ 826,305.39</b>	<b>\$ 764,284.22</b>
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	628,571.51	508,917.94	641,050.11
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,168,428.63</b>	<b>\$1,335,223.33</b>	<b>\$1,405,334.33</b>

# *Comparison Inventory Valuation for Tax Computation*

	1974*	1975	1976	1977
Land	\$ 33,999,490	\$ 34,309,040	\$ 34,546,231	\$ 34,766,210
Land Use Exemption	3,502,140	5,019,560	5,169,855	5,199,870
Net Land	30,497,350	29,289,480	29,376,376	29,576,340
Buildings	61,023,640	65,599,630	70,610,870	78,984,520
Factory Buildings	491,070	493,500	493,450	851,800
Utilities:				
Water	110,300	110,300	110,300	110,350
Gas	—	494,450	504,440	504,800
Electric	1,372,199	1,096,650	1,086,710	1,458,900
Mobile Homes	(57)	(53)	(51)	(57)
Boats	(49)	(48)	(48)	(56)
Total Valuation before Exemption	93,687,567	97,257,853	102,361,187	111,752,167
Elderly Exemption	(31)	(41)	(52)	(62)
Blind Exemption	(1)	(1)	(3)	(4)
Net Value	93,540,067	97,085,353	101,867,187	111,171,482
Increase over Previous Year:				
Gross	110.74%	3.81%	5.24%	9.17%
Net	111.04%	3.79%	4.92%	9.13%

\*Revaluation 1974

**Itemization of Qualifying Current Use,  
Acreages and Assessments**

Land Categories	No. of Acres	Current Use Value
Permanent Pasture	246	\$ 48,930
Forage Crops	543	159,850
Horticulture Crops	63	26,100
Forest Lands	3610	186,493
Wild Lands	3063	187,565
Recreation Lands		
Wetlands	906	9,055
Flood Plain		
Inactive Farm Land	213	15,850
Discretionary Easements		
	8,644	\$633,843
Total amount of current use exemption		\$5,203,600

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1977

Title of Appropriation	Appro- priation	+ or - Income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Accts. Receiv.	Accts. Payable	Total Chg. To Department	Over	Under	1978
<u>General Government</u>										
Officers' Salaries	\$ 23,018.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 23,128.00	\$ 22,004.50	\$ 125.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 22,404.50	\$	\$ 723.50	\$ 26,580.00
Office Expense	42,234.00	3,269.61	45,503.61	45,389.66		304.68	45,694.34	190.73		49,271.00
Elections	2,000.00	852.00	2,852.00	1,708.54		20.50	1,729.04		1,122.96	4,900.00
Legal	10,000.00		10,000.00	15,153.83		934.25	16,088.08	6,088.08		15,000.00
Insurance	42,738.00	2,595.46	45,333.46	53,401.61	5.00		53,396.61	8,063.15		66,311.00
Police Retirement	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,666.83	85.07		5,581.76	581.76		7,115.00
Social Security	12,877.00	422.51	13,299.51	12,551.70	161.99	21.21	12,410.92		888.59	18,780.00
Travelers Retirement	4,590.00		4,590.00	4,450.97			4,450.97		139.03	5,275.00
Mapping & Survey	4,000.00	127.00	4,127.00	2,627.46	8.25	573.00	3,192.21		934.79	3,000.00
<u>Town Buildings</u>										
Town Hall	11,323.00	356.45	11,719.45	10,464.13			10,464.13		1,255.32	14,449.00
Brick School	6,683.00	- 60.00	6,623.00	6,550.55			6,550.55		72.45	7,594.00
<u>Protection of Persons and Property</u>										
Police	127,991.00	7,956.76	135,947.76	140,458.53	833.32		139,625.21	3,677.45		147,604.00
Communication	12,518.00		12,518.00	12,090.00			12,090.00		428.00	13,090.00
Fire	57,360.00	70,151.39	127,711.39	124,372.39	21.95	421.69	124,772.13		2,939.26	59,895.00
Civil Defense	1,050.00	194.98	1,244.98	1,417.59			1,417.59	172.61		1,450.00
Dog Control	4,260.00	15.00	4,275.00	3,740.28			3,740.28		534.72	6,410.00
Hydrant Rental	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00			1,875.00			1,875.00
Tree Care	3,400.00	400.00	3,800.00	2,332.00			2,332.00		1,468.00	3,000.00
Street Lights	6,100.00		6,100.00	5,775.15			5,775.15		324.85	6,250.00
Conservation	1,600.00		1,600.00	781.79			781.79		818.21	1,650.00
<u>Planning and Zoning</u>										
Planning	30,453.00	- 2,017.00	28,436.00	29,844.98			29,844.98	1,408.98		31,290.00
Board of Adjustment	1,700.00	-368.50	1,331.50	1,271.16			1,271.16		60.34	1,825.00
Planning Board	5,975.00	715.25	6,690.25	3,957.93			3,957.93		2,732.32	8,392.00
Regional Planning	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,151.00			1,151.00		49.00	2,080.00

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or - Income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Accts. Receiv.	Accts. Payable	Total Chg. To Department	Over	Under	1978
<u>Health &amp; Welfare</u>	\$ 550.00	\$ 618.80	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 17.89	\$ 231.88	\$ 550.00	\$ 182.74	\$	\$ 600.00
Board of Health	12,044.00		12,662.80	12,631.55			12,845.54			12,340.00
Ambulance Service	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00			3,000.00			3,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00			1,384.00
Nashua Mental Health	100.00		100.00						100.00	
Vital Statistics	8,000.00	2,456.65	10,456.65	8,821.23		185.80	9,007.03		1,449.62	10,000.00
Town Poor	500.00		500.00	104.71			104.71		395.29	500.00
Veterans Aid	6,500.00		6,500.00	5,467.00			5,467.00		1,033.00	7,500.00
Old Age Assistance										
<u>Library</u>	45,157.00		45,157.00	45,712.77	555.77		45,157.00			55,234.00
<u>Highway and Bridges</u>										
General Expense	27,506.00	24,671.64	52,177.64	58,636.44	6,528.91	4,501.32	56,608.85	4,431.21		32,678.00
Summer Maintenance	50,978.00	1,261.47	52,239.47	51,907.45			51,907.45		332.02	54,146.00
Winter Maintenance	94,212.00	447.80	94,659.80	110,476.99		524.30	111,001.29	16,341.49		120,132.00
Oiling	52,535.00	350.00	52,885.00	52,780.30			52,780.30		104.70	58,025.00
Road Improvement	12,600.00		12,600.00	12,596.26			12,596.26		3.74	13,450.00
TRA	2,191.27		2,191.27	2,101.27			2,101.27		90.00	2,206.11
Gas Subsidy	36,521.12		36,521.12	36,562.69			36,562.69	41.57		58,616.22
Land Fill	7,600.00	3,588.90	11,188.90	12,754.32			12,754.32			11,350.00
Land Fill Rent	18,476.24	20,841.95	39,318.19	38,917.24			38,917.24	1,565.42	400.95	38,917.00
Parks	7,710.00		7,710.00	7,611.90			7,611.90		98.10	8,250.00
Cemeteries	8,234.00		8,234.00	8,234.56			8,234.56	.56		9,320.00
CETA		7,779.73	7,779.73	10,105.33			7,825.53	45.80		22,540.00
Grader Fund	8,500.00		8,500.00	8,500.00			8,500.00			8,500.00
Truck Reserve	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00			15,000.00			15,000.00
Special Highway Equip.	16,125.00		16,125.00	16,125.00			16,125.00			15,125.00
<u>Recreation</u>										
Recreation Commission	15,500.00	4,363.00	19,863.00	19,433.26		272.85	19,706.11		156.89	19,940.00
Baboosic	14,435.00	1,590.43	16,025.43	14,101.15	50.00	465.78	14,516.93		1,508.50	14,795.00
Adult Education		5,509.00	5,509.00	4,550.86			4,550.86		958.14	0
<u>Patriotic Purposes</u>										
Memorial Day	600.00		600.00	581.19			581.19		18.81	600.00
4th of July	1,600.00	337.00	1,937.00	1,935.63			1,935.63		1.37	1,600.00

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	+ or - Income	Amount Avail.	Expended	Acct. Receiv.	Accts. Payable	Total Chg. To Department	Over	Under	1978
Debt Service										
Interest	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 24,310.10			\$ 24,310.10	\$ 9,310.10	\$	5,000.00
Contingency	6,500.00	2,409.32	8,909.32	7,709.32		1,200.00	8,909.32			9,000.00
	\$909,819.63	\$160,986.60	\$1,070,806.23	\$1,102,256.10	\$10,672.95	\$10,182.26	\$1,101,765.41	\$52,101.65	\$21,142.47	1,114,334.33



## *Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate*

APPROPRIATIONS	AMOUNT
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 23,018 00
Town Officers' Expenses	48,234 00
Election & Registration Expenses	2,000 00
Town Hall & other Buildings Expenses	23,006 00
Mapping	4,000 00
Police Department	140,509 00
Fire Dept., incl. Forest Fires	60,260 00
Care of Trees	3,400 00
Planning & Zoning	39,328 00
Damages by Dogs	4,260 00
Insurance	42,738 00
Civil Defense	1,050 00
Conservation Commission	1,600 00
Health Department	22,918 00
Vital Statistics	100 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	26,076 24
Town Road Aid	2,191 27
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	246,846 12
Street Lighting	6,100 00
General Expenses of Hgwy. Dept.	27,506 00
Library	45,157 00
Town Poor	8,000 00
Old Age Assistance	6,500 00
Soldiers' Aid	500 00
Patriotic Purposes	3,135 00
Recreation (Parks & Playgrounds, etc.)	37,695 00
Municipal Water & Elec. Utilities	1,875 00
Cemeteries	23,234 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	10,000 00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	22,467 00
Contingency Fund	6,500 00
Interest	15,000 00
Article 8 — Police Cruiser	5,200 00
Article 13 — Bridge	160,000 00
Article 16 — Conservation Land	25,000 00
Article 2 — Fire Truck — (Special Meeting)	33,400 00

Grader Fund	8,500 00
Capital Reserve Truck	15,000 00
Article 11 – Special Hgwy. Equipment	16,125 00
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Total Town Appropriations	\$1,168,428 63

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

### From Local Taxes:

Resident Taxes	\$ 49,710 00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes	334 00
Yield Taxes	1,704 79
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,500 00
Resident Tax Penalties	230 00
Land Use Recovery	6,883 00

### From State Taxes:

Meals & Rooms Tax	50,680 00
Interest & Dividends Tax	74,174 31
Savings Bank Tax	11,632 80
Highway Subsidy	36,521 12
Reimb. a-c State-Federal Forest Land	6 00
Reimb. a-c Road Toll Refund	2,260 00
LEAA Grants	10,268 00
Outdoor Recreation Grants	12,589 00
CETA Funds	5,495 00

### From Local Sources, except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	3,000 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	600 00
Fines & Forfeits, Municipal and District Court	40 00
Rent of Town Property	5,590 00
Interest Received on Deposits	16,588 00
Income from Departments	31,385 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	145,000 00
Gifts	2,801 50

## Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Withdrawals from Capital	
Reserve Funds	43,400 00
Revenue Sharing Funds	53,864 00
Surplus	118,825 00
Total Revenues & Credits	<hr/> \$ 699,081 52
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 469,347 11
Net School Appropriations	2,979,219 55
County Tax Assessment	148,218 82
Total of Town, School & County	<hr/> \$3,596,785 48
Deduct: Total Bus. Prof. Tax Reimb.	-24,234 00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	+32,800 00
Add: Overlay	+18,838 83
Property Taxes to be Raised	<hr/> \$3,624,190 31

## TAX RATES (per thousand)

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	\$ 4.50
County	1.40
School	26.70
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	\$32.60
Amherst Village District	.50

# *Balance Sheet*

## ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer (Schedule A)	\$1,199,936	62
In hands of Officials	50	00
Total	-----	\$1,199,986 62
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Truck Reserve	\$54,714	98
Grader	19,431	35
Motor Vehicle Res.	10,211	38
Recreation \$2,230.07 and Rescue \$6,370.00	8,600	13
Special Equipment	16,769	33
Total	-----	109,727 17
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
Outdoor Recreation Grant	\$13,185	75
Other Bills Due Town:		
Schedule B	15,672	95
Bad Check	912	80
Special Gas Bill to be Distributed	2,223	43
Total	-----	31,994 93
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1976	\$40,180	21
Levy of 1975	18,682	50
Levy of 1974	1,397	94
Total	-----	60,260 65
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977, including Resident Taxes	\$793,835	80
Levy of 1976	645	50
Levy of 1975	70	00
Total	-----	794,551 30
Grand Total		<u>\$2,196,520 67</u>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills Outstanding (Schedule C)	\$ 15,558 76
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations (Schedule E)	54,911 01
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	21,759 77
Due to State:	
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes (Collected, not remitted to State Treasurer, \$3.00)	3 00
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acct.)	368 38
School District Taxes Payable	1,931,815 47
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Total Account Owed by Town	\$2,024,544 39
Capital Reserve Funds	109,727 17
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Total Liabilities	\$2,134,271 56
Current Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	62,249 11
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Grand Total	\$2,196,520 67

## SCHEDULE B

### Accounts Receivable

5100-		\$ 125 00
5113-00	Retirement	85 07
5108-00	Maps	8 25
5200-PV	Currier	60 00
5107-98	Insurance	5 00
5901-01	Library — CETA	555 77
5107-98	Library — CETA	32 51
5408-00	Highway — CETA	2,215 50
5107-98	Highway — CETA	129 48
5400-08	Project Equipment	64 30
5200-09	Police — Gas Tax Refund	260 82
5201-09	Fire Refund	21 95
5206-09	Ambulance Refund	17 89
5400-09	Highway Refund	134 67
5200-HS	Highway Subsidy Grant	512 50
	Babooisic Rental Due	50 00
	Notes Payable — Trustees	5,000 00
	Trustee and Res. Payable	6,394 24
		-----
		\$ 15,672 95

## SCHEDULE C

### Accounts Payable

5106-00	Wm. Drescher	\$ 934 25
5201-48	Wetherbee Plumbing	421 69
5500-21	Lorden Oil	75 80
3404-01	Trustees of Cemetery	3,575 00
3404-00	Trustees of Trust Fund	600 00
5108-02	Robert Nolte	30 00
5108-02	Robert Nolte	543 00
5101-61	Office Dimensions	304 68
5500-10	Roane	110 00
5400-09	Texaco	4,501 32
5605-61	Currier Lumber	282 50
5605-61	Amherst Pools	183 28
5600-96	Ron Reid	94 52
5105-91	Connie George	20 50
5206-39	Car Go	231 88

5114-01	Social Security	21 21
5100-SL	R. C. Maston	25 00
5100-86	B. Landry	500 00
5600-94	Amherst J. C.	178 33
5404-16	Granite State Mineral	524 30
	Trustee of Trust Funds	1,277 00
5999-00	Thomas Sasdi	1,200 00
3301-01	Dog Tax Due State	34 50
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		\$ 15,668 76

## SCHEDULE D

### Other Current Expenses

3120-77	Resident Tax	\$ 2,196 00
3201-76	Registry Fee	209 50
3310-00	Town Clerk's Fee	2,055 00
3407-00	Sale of Property	33 76
5A 13	Cruiser	4,500 00
5A 17	Tennis Court	25,178 90
5A 18	Master Plan	1,475 52
5A 19	Bicentennial	551 32
5A-22	Alarm	11,816 61
5A-23	Retirement	2,500 00
58-09	Auditor	16 95
5B-10	Town Hall Repair	4,830 50
5B-12	Hurst Tool	5,323 70
5B-15	Cemetery Purchase	15,000 00
5B-16	Conservation Land	25,000 00
5C-2	Fire Alarm	2,400 00
5Y-15	Fire Station	785 00
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		\$103,872 76
	Contingency	\$ 7,709 32
	CETA	10,105 33
	Special Gas	2,223 43
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		20,038 08
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		\$123,910 84
	Lorden Escrow	76 96
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		\$123,987 80

## SCHEDULE E

### Balance of Special Accounts

Land Fill	\$ 11,297 37
Article 18 of 1976 — Master Plan	3,195 68
Article 8 of 1977 — Cruiser	6,297 70
Article 9 of 1977 — Audit	3,100 00
Special Article No. 1 — Fire Truck	22,366 73
Article B — 1977 Bridge	7,695 39
Adult Education Accumulated Fund	958 14
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	\$ 54,911 01

### *Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness*

as of December 31, 1977

Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Arnold Land Fill	\$ 11,297 42
Total Long Term Indebtedness	
December 31, 1977	\$ 11,297 42

### Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness

Outstanding Long Term Debt —		
December 31, 1976		\$ 22,594 84
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Total		\$ 22,594 84
Bonds Paid	\$11,297 42	
Total	<hr/>	11,297 42
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Outstanding Long Term Debt —		
December 31, 1977		\$ 11,297 42



# *Receipts and Payments*

## **Current Revenue:**

### **From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, current year, 1977	\$2,798,515 21
Resident Taxes, current year, 1977	41,430 00
Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes, current year, 1977	539 50
Yield Taxes, current year, 1977	2,063 75
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected & Remitted	—————\$2,842,548 46
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, previous years	494,704 73
Resident Taxes, previous years	2,660 00
Poll Taxes, State Head Taxes, previous years	12,666 68
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	16,525 94
Penalties: Resident Taxes, State Head Taxes	394 00
Tax Sales redeemed	60,828 53
	—————
	\$3,430,328 34

### **From State:**

Highway Subsidy	36,521 12
Interest & Dividends Tax	74,174 31
Savings Bank Tax	11,632 80
Reimb. a-c State & Federal Forest Lands	6 00
Fighting Forest Fires	69 81
Meals & Rooms Tax	57,043 21
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax	24,235 84

### **From Local Sources, except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	3,298 80
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	27,389 75
Fines & Forfeits, Municipal & District Court	55 00
Rent of Town Property	4,460 00
Interest received on Deposits	23,305 32
Income from Trust Funds	158 22
Income from Departments	47,196 33
Motor Vehicle Permits	176,921 50
Deposit to Conservation Savings	25,000 00

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$3,916,796 35
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### **Receipts other than Current Revenue:**

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	1,500,000 00
Insurance Adjustments	2,271 43
Refunds	1,958 97
Gifts	547 03
New Trust Funds received during year	4,175 00
Payments in lieu of Taxes	526 87
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	99,079 00
Sale of Town Property	4,684 76

Yield Tax Security Deposits	135 00
Grants from U.S.A.:	
Revenue Sharing	51,958 00
Interest on Investments of Rev. Shar. Funds	2,197 10
Law Enforcement Assistance Act	7,813 71
(Governor's Commission on	
Crime & Delinquency)	2,731 85
Emergency Employment Act	13,274 78
All Other Receipts:	
Hurst Tool	2,731 80
U.S. Treasury Rebate	116 13
Swimathon Deposit to Savings	344 79
Conservation Commission to General Fund	90 00
Recreation — to General Fund	1,042 22
Police Gift to General Fund	764 75
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$5,638,239 54
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977	1,464,735 05
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Grand Total	\$7,102,974 59
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>	
<b>General Government:</b>	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 22,004 50
Town Officers' Expenses	45,389 66
Election & Registration Expenses	1,708 54
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	17,013 68
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>	
Police Department	156,043 57
Fire Dept., incl. Forest Fires	56,572 89
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust	
and Care of Trees	2,332 00
Planning & Zoning	35,141 07
Damage by Dogs	3,755 28
Insurance	53,206 87
Civil Defense	1,417 59
Conservation Commission	781 79
<b>Health:</b>	
Health Dept., incl. hospitals & ambulance	18,181 55
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	12,754 32
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>	
Highways & Bridges	264,323 69
Town Road Aid	2,101 27
Street Lighting	5,775 15
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	30,963 20
<b>Libraries:</b>	
Libraries	45,712 77

<b>Public Welfare:</b>	
Old Age Assistance	5,467 00
Town Poor	8,821 23
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	104 71
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>	
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	2,444 82
<b>Recreation:</b>	
Recreation	37,985 27
Parks & Playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts	7,611 90
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>	
Cemeteries, incl. Hearse Hire	8,234 56
<b>Unclassified:</b>	
Damages & Legal Expenses	15,153 83
Taxes bought by Town	76,336 88
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	6,941 88
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	22,246 99
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)	1,265 00
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses	123,987 80
<b>Debt Service:</b>	
<b>Interest on Debt:</b>	
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	22,954 41
Paid on Long Term Notes	1,355 69
<b>Principal of Debt:</b>	
Payments on Long Term Notes	1,500,000 00
Payments on Bonded Debt	11,297 37
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>	
Water Works Construction	152,334 61
New Equipment	106,506 51
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	41,530 00
Tax Maps	2,627 46
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	38,917 24
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	340 96
Taxes paid to County	148,218 82
Payments to Precincts	7,458 63
Payments to School Districts	2,777,715 01
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$5,903,037 97
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977	1,199,936 62
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Grand Total	\$7,102,974 59

## *Schedule of Town Property*

Date Acquired	Property and Map No.	Size	Value
1824	Town Hall & Land, 18-43		\$180,000
	Equipment		30,000
1890	Library & Land, 17-7		179,500
	Equipment		47,000
	Police Equipment		25,000
1872	Village Fire Station		89,300
	Equipment		148,200
1917	Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.		23,200
	Equipment		121,000
	Parks, Commons & Playground		5,000
1953	Brick School, 17-82		155,000
	Equipment		2,000
	Annex		29,800
1973	Cemetery Tool House		5,300
	Equipment		6,000
	Rescue Equipment		35,000
1971	Baboosic Lake Land & Bldg., 24-13		50,000
	Equipment		3,000
	Town Sanitary Land Fill		2,120
1932	Baboosic Dump, 6-86		1,990
1974	Souhegan Land Fill, 8-9		85,000
1975	South Amherst Fire Station, 2-127/1		55,500
1904	Land for Village Courts		
1977	Howard Cemetery		
1977	Carey Development Corp.		
1977	Jasper Valley Dev. Corp.		
1977	Sullivan		

### **Conservation Land:**

1969	Sherburne Land, 2-145/3	10A	1,000
1970	Joe English Brook, 10/2	77A	30,000
1974	20 Associates Land, 9-2	117A	40,000
1968	Odell Meadow, 5-152	47A	1,400
1970	Boissonault Land, 1-22/1	23A	8,500
1971	Plumb Land, 10-40/1	47A	4,300
1970	Erikson Land, 10-3	8A	1,440
1970	Bartlett Land, 4-55	2A	800
1974	Wilkins Land, 5-147	5.5A	200
1975	The Meadows Conservation Land, 6-115	6A	3,500
1976	Ross Land, 6-112		600
1976	Thibodeau Land, 2-163	1A	3,000

# **Tax Deeds:**

1970	Brown Lot	1A	500
1959	Goodwin Bldg.		100
1938	Chandler Lot, 6/38	3A	100
1938	Melendy Lot, 4-16/1	2A	100
1965	White Lot, 4-16	1A	1,090
1957	Gelinas Land, 11-17	16A	980
1907	Broadway Lot, 24-11	.04A	2,330
1958	Brooks Land, 24-19	.14A	1,780
1969	Glover Land, 1-30	30A	1,520
1973	Jones Lot, 2-26	1A	200
1971	Nash Land, 24-77 & 61		150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-82	5A	500
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-170	3A	150
1974	Yankee Homes Land, 5-169	3A	100
1976	Essex Lot, 5-65/1	2A	100
1976	Sylvester Lot, 8-77/10	17.5A	15,600
1976	Currier Land, 2-115	6A	600
1976	Currier Land, 4/34/23	14A	1,200
1977	Cloutier		

## *Report of Town Clerk*

For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

7250 Vehicle Registrations	\$176,921 50
1683 Auto Titles	1,683 00
Vital Statistics	197 00
Uniform Commercial Code	561 00
Misc. 2 Pole Lic.	4 00
35 1976 Dog Licenses, 1267 1977 Dog Licenses,	
6 Kennel Licenses	3,298 80
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	\$182,665 30
Total Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$182,665 30

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

December 31, 1977

# Report of Tax Collector

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT 1977

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$3,597,145 72
Bank Stock	539 50
Land Use Recovery	12,666 68
Yield Tax	2,063 75

Total Committed -----\$3,612,415 65

Added Property Tax 4,600 17

Total Committed -----\$3,617,015 82

### Remitted to Treasurer:

Property	\$2,799,428 01
Bank Stock	539 50
Land Use Recovery	12,666 68
Yield	2,063 75

Total Remitted -----\$2,814,697 94

Abated Property Tax 14,162 08

Uncollected per list 788,155 80

Total -----\$3,617,015 82

NOTE: Add back to uncollected a bad check in the amount of \$912.80.

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### 1977 Resident Tax

Committed to Collector in 1977	\$49,710 00
Added Taxes	1,530 00

-----\$ 51,240 00

Penalties 147 00

Total -----\$ 51,387 00

Remitted to Treasurer \$41,430 00

Abated 4,130 00

-----\$ 45,560 00

Uncollected per list 5,680 00

Penalties Remitted 147 00

Total -----\$ 51,387 00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT**  
**1976 Property**

Uncollected 1-1-77	\$499,175 05	
Added in 1977	1,155 98	
Total Committed	-----	\$ 500,331 03
Interest Collected		11,393 48
		-----
Total		\$ 511,724 51
Remitted to Treasurer	\$492,294 73	
Cash Over pd 1976	270 00	
Transposition Error 1976	90 00	
	-----	\$ 492,654 73
Abated per lists		7,500 80
Uncollected per list		175 50
		-----
Total		\$ 500,331 03

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT**  
**1976 Resident Tax**

Uncollected 1-1-77	\$4,950 00	
Added 1977	390 00	
	-----	\$ 5,340 00
Penalties Collected		247 00
		-----
Total		\$ 5,587 00
Remitted to Treasurer:		
1976 Resident Tax	\$2,610 00	
Abated	2,260 00	
Uncollected	470 00	
	-----	\$ 5,340 00
Penalties Collected		247 00
		-----
Total		\$ 5,587 00



# **SUMMARY OF WARRANT** **1975 Resident Taxes**

Uncollected 1-1-77	\$	260 00
Added (E. Miller)		10 00
Penalties Collected		3 00
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Total	\$	273 00
Remitted to Treasurer:		
1975 Resident Taxes	\$30 00	
Penalties Collected	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33 00
Abated per List		170 00
Uncollected		70 00
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Total	\$	273 00

## **Uncollected 1975**

Currier, Cris	Grant, Kathleen
Currier, David	Lathrop, Susan
Currier, Susan	Lathrop, Kathleen
Grant, Donald	

# **SUMMARY OF WARRANT** **1974 Resident Tax**

Uncollected 1-1-77	\$10 00	
Added Tax	10 00	
Total Due	<hr/>	\$ 20 00
Penalties Collected		2 00
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Total	\$	22 00
Remitted to Treasurer:		
1974 Resident Taxes	\$ 20 00	
Penalties	2 00	
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Total	\$	22 00

# REPORT OF TAX SALE AND UNREDEEMED TAXES

	Tax Accounts of		
	1976	1975	Prior
Uncollected 1-1-77		\$33,858.11	\$12,696.37
Error in Previous Total		50.00	-.10
Added Tax 1977			
Roger Robichaud			19.49
Sold to Town 6-13-77	\$71,123.70		
Sold to Town 9-30-77	3,439.68		
Sold to Individuals			
6-13-77	573.09		
Interest Collected	946.20	1,603.59	2,582.67
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Total	\$76,082.67	\$35,511.70	\$15,298.43
Remitted to Treasurer	\$34,568.85	\$15,034.10	\$11,225.58
Deeded to Town	98.77	95.57	92.24
Abated	288.64	95.94	
Interest	946.20	1,603.59	2,582.67
Uncollected 12-31-77	40,180.21	18,682.50	1,397.94
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Total	\$76,082.67	\$35,511.70	\$15,298.43

# TAXES UNREDEEMED – DECEMBER 21, 1977

	1976	1975	Prior
Owner:			
Abrams, Walter	\$ 1,092.67	\$	\$
Adams, Eugene	726.15	702.30	
	996.70	965.90	
Allan, Thomas Builders	716.79		
	31.09		
Amherst Heights	239.23	231.41	
	355.71	344.09	
	237.10	229.39	
	452.47	437.66	
Anderson, Larry	585.69		
Associate Industries			
2-40	2,720.67	2,631.12	
Associate Industries 2-42	792.69	763.68	
Broad Acres	757.37		
Batara, Dorothy	169.86		
Cullinan, Dorothy	229.86	222.36	
Currier, Philip	108.15		
Currier, Robert			64.01
Demers, Marcel	161.19	158.96	
	399.41	386.36	
	574.20	555.38	
DeNicola, Anna	208.01		
Ellis, Arthur	836.39		
Enos Manual	136.22	30.04	
Beaudin, Wm.	676.21		
French, Richard &			
Bette	120.01		
Garman, Gerald	30.25		
Glover, Milton	98.77		
	93.52		
	93.52		
Grant, Charles	847.88	820.02	790.64
Hutchinson, Paul	471.53	6.02	

Kopka, Angeline	546.11	
	1,110.07	
LaPierre & Jenny	3,942.67	
	502.41	1,198.33
L & J Management	705.30	
	273.56	
LaForrest, Sandra	1,250.53	
Lambert, Charles	2,993.89	
Logan, Nancy & Donald	1,531.83	
Jasper Valley	289.17	
Howard, George		185.00
Luongo Development		
6-48	267.32	253.53
8-77/23	310.97	
8-77-29	27.97	29.29
8-77-30	27.97	27.14
8-77-34	68.55	66.39
8-77-35	237.10	
8-77-36	237.10	
8-77-37	237.10	229.39
8-77-38	62.30	60.35
8-77-45	74.79	
8-77-46	62.30	
8-77-48	62.30	
8-77-49	62.30	
8-77-51	62.30	
8-77-52	62.30	60.35
8-77-53	87.28	253.54
8-77-54	62.30	72.42
8-77-55	62.30	72.42
8-77-56	62.30	72.42
8-77-57	62.30	72.42
8-77-58	62.30	72.42
8-77-59	59.30	69.41
8-77-60	62.30	72.42
8-77-61	62.30	72.42
8-77-62	62.30	72.42
8-77-65	62.30	72.42

8-77-66	62.30	72.42
8-77-67	62.30	72.42
8-77-68	62.30	72.42
8-77-69	62.30	72.42
8-77-70	62.30	72.42
8-77-71	62.30	72.42
8-77-72	62.30	72.42
8-77-73	62.30	72.42
8-77-74	62.30	72.42
8-77-75	62.30	72.42
8-77-80	237.10	273.05
8-77-82	237.10	229.39
8-77-83	237.10	229.39
8-177	62.30	72.42
8-177-1	62.30	72.42
8-177-2	62.30	72.42
8-177-3	62.30	72.42
8-177-4	71.67	69.41
8-177-5	62.30	60.35
8-177-6	62.30	
8-177-7	62.30	
8-177-8	62.30	
8-177-9	62.30	
8-177-11	62.30	229.39
8-177-12	62.30	229.39
8-177-13	62.30	229.39
Lynch, Robert	339.11	328.05
McLaughlin, Robert	36.34	35.25
Milligan, Bryce 5-13	3.15	
Patient, Doris 6-38/3	226.74	219.39
Powers, Theo	76.68	
Quimby, Willis	626.27	
Riehl, Wm.	1,234.92	
Scott, Hazel	582.57	543.29
Tabor, Gerald	28.65	
Taylor, Pat	59.84	

Torres, Donald		367.29
Trembley, Elizabeth		
2-136	632.51	661.79
Unknown owner	298.53	
Sylvester, Denise 8-80-2		202.22
Walker & Spencer	251.75	
Warren Development		
4-45	67.55	
6-108/2	202.76	201.22
6-108/3	202.76	196.18
6-108/30	140.33	135.81
6-108/31	171.55	166.00
6-108/32	187.15	181.09
6-108/33	190.27	184.11
Luonga Development		
8-44-3	227.73	220.34
Wiseman, Sam 12-14	1,522.23	1,450.93
Wells Walker	15.48	
	26.97	
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	\$40,180.21	\$18,682.50 \$1,397.94

## *Report of Town Treasurer*

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977 \$ 178,178 20

### RECEIPTS

Barbara Landry, Tax Collector:

Resident & Property Taxes	\$3,430,327 34	
Adjustment on Tax Deposit 7-5	1 00	
	-----	3,430,328 34

U.S. Treasury Income Rebate		116 13
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Bernice Boothroyd, Town Clerk:

Auto Registrations	\$176,921 50	
Dog Licenses	3,298 80	
UCC's	561 00	
Vital Statistics	197 00	
Title Fees	1,683 00	
N.E. Tel. Co. Pole License	4 00	
	-----	182,665 30

Credit Elections & Registrations:

Candidate Fees	\$17 00	
Sale of Check Lists	30 00	
	-----	47 00

Town Buildings:

Brick School Rental		1,460 00
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Trustees of Trust Fund:

Fire Truck Reserve	\$67,800 00	
Article No. 13	10,000 00	

Gifts:

Esther Bundy	50 00
George Burke	50 00
Harry Carter	50 00
F. Tenney Clough	50 00
Frederick Haigis	50 00
Margery Heaton	50 00
Elliot Lyon	50 00
Lawrence Nichols	50 00
Norman Page	50 00
Leonard Sandford	50 00

Florence Sears	50 00	
Klaus Steinbrueck	50 00	
	-----	78,400 00
Trustees of the Cemetery:		
Sale of Lots & Burials	\$3,575 00	
From Trust Fund due 12-77	4,117 00	
	-----	7,692 00
Robert Barton, Zoning Administrator:		
Zoning Fees	\$5,598 00	
Driveway Permits	125 00	
Planning Board Fees	369 75	
Sale of Zoning Books	16 50	
Bd. of Adjustment Fees	170 00	
	-----	6,279 25
Russell Abbate, Zoning Administrator:		
Zoning Fees	\$16,332 50	
Driveway Permits	490 00	
Earth Removal Permits	460 00	
Planning Board Fees	1,168 75	
Sale of Zoning Books	160 25	
Bd. of Adjustment Fees	461 50	
Test Pit Fees	1,437 50	
Oil Burner Inspections	260 00	
	-----	20,770 50
Amherst Highway Department:		
Winter Maintenance	\$ 447 80	
Summer Maintenance	1,103 25	
Fiske Highway	158 22	
Driveway Permits	1,230 00	
Oiling	350 00	
Sweeper Rental	195 00	
General Expense:		
Sale of Truck	1,277 00	
State of N.H. Gas Tax	1,271 26	
From Trust Fund	21,279 00	
Credit Norwood — Signs	97 00	
Credit Levesque — Signs	36 00	
State of N.H. Human Development Grant	\$7,779 73	



Infantine Insurance	563 38	
	<hr/>	35,787 64
Article No. 13 — Bridge Specs:		30 00
Permits & Licenses:		
Junk Licenses	\$ 50 00	
Blasting Permit	2 00	
Milford Cablevision Franchise	526 87	
	<hr/>	578 87
Amherst Police Department:		
Accident & Theft Reports	\$ 294 00	
Bicycle Registrations	408 00	
Dog Fines, Milford Court	55 00	
Special Duty	6,704 40	
Pistol Permits	188 00	
Insurance — Infantine	1,097 70	
Insurance	21 35	
Sale of Cruisers	901 00	
Sale of Light	20 00	
Pictures	12 00	
State of N.H.:		
Gas Tax Refund	1,331 30	
Cadet Grant	695 00	
STEP Grant	2,162 75	
LEAA Grant for Radio	710 00	
Increased Police Services	4,245 96	
	<hr/>	18,846 46
Amherst Fire Department:		
Article No. 22 — Fire Alarm Bids	\$ 120 00	
N.H. Gas Tax Refund	136 94	
Sale of Fire Truck	2,000 00	
Sale of Fire Hose	400 00	
Refilling Fire Extinguisher	8 14	
	<hr/>	2,665 08
Fourth of July Committee:		
Donations to Reviewing Stand	\$175 00	
Booths Rental	90 00	
	<hr/>	265 00

Amherst Recreation Commission:

Tennis Lessons	\$2,706 50
Tennis Refund	125 00
Tennis Registrations	182 00
Tennis Article	21 00
Basketball Registrations	244 50
Baseball Registrations	422 00
Softball Registrations	124 00
Golf Lessons	80 00
Golf Registrations	8 00
Soccer Registrations	243 00
Adult Education Tuitions	5,261 50
Transfer from School	
Dist. to Ad. Ed.	247 50
Children's Theatre Receipts	410 00

----- 10,075 00

Baboosic Lake Park:

Membership	4,150 50
Rentals	500 00
Dance Receipts	863 00
Games & Music Machine	865 50
Swimming Registrations	516 00
Guest Fees	4 00

----- 6,899 00

Bi-Centennial Committee:

Sale of Books	\$ 80 50
Sale of Coins	102 50
Sale of Stationery	20 00
Sale of Glass Plaques	195 00

----- 398 00

Town Hall & Office Expenses:

Meeting Expenses	\$ 20 00
Copying	77 85
Town Report Copies	10 00
Tax Bill Duplicate	75 00
Maps	127 00
Supplies	0 90
Telephone	6 76
Postage	3 26
E. C. Masten Book	15 00
Bad Check Fees	25 00
Beverage Permits to Town	100 00

Return of Salary – Bert McGill	110 00	
Sale of Fans	33 76	
Sale of Microfilm Machine	53 00	
	-----	657 53
Insurance:		
Amherst School District	\$360 00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	334 02	
Slawsky – Refund	300 00	
Harland Holt	964 95	
	-----	1,958 97
Amherst Rescue Squad:		
Mont Vernon Services	\$2,375 00	
Hurst Tool buy-in	5,463 70	
State of N.H. Gas Tax Refund	29 80	
Infantine Insurance	589 00	
	-----	8,457 50
Souhegan Regional Landfill	\$ 3,000 00	
Human Development Grant	5,495 00	
Civil Defense – Matching Funds	194 98	
Connell Gas Refund	3,797 04	
Town Poor	2,307 65	
State of New Hampshire:		
Gas Subsidy	36,521 12	
Business Profits Tax	24,235 84	
Interest & Dividends Tax	74,174 31	
Rooms & Meals Tax	57,043 21	
Forest Land Reimb.	6 00	
Forest Fire Bills	69 81	
Bank Stock	11,632 80	
	-----	218,477 76
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Total Receipts		\$4,032,855 33
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1977	\$ 178,178 20	
Revenue to the General Fund	4,032,855 33	
Tax Anticipation Notes	1,500,000 00	
Cert. of Dep. to General Fund	816,819 37	
Excess Town Funds Savings		
to General Fund	679,997 00	
Conservation Commission Savings		
to General Fund		90 00

Amherst Recreation-Baboosic Savings to General Fund	1,042 22
Police Gift Savings Acct. to General Fund	764 75
Revenue Sharing Savings to General Fund	34,545 00
	<u>\$7,244,291 86</u>
Direct Deposit to Conservation Commission Account	-25,000 00
	<u>\$7,219,291 86</u>
Selectmen's Orders Paid	-6,107,961 02
	<u>\$1,111,330 85</u>
Balance in Bank 12-31-77	\$ 256,921 61
Deposits not Credited	932,854 54
	<u>\$1,189,776 15</u>
Outstanding Checks	-79,363 10
	<u>\$1,110,413 05</u>
Adjustment for Returned Checks	917 80
	<u>\$1,111,330 85</u>

### Savings Investments

#### Amherst Recreation - Baboosic Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$ 815 15
Deposits	1,387 01
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	\$ 2,202 16
Withdrawals	-1,042 22
	<u>-----</u>
	\$ 1,159 94
Interest	43 50
	<u>-----</u>
Balance 12-31-77	\$ 1,203 44

#### Amherst Conservation Commission Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$ 4,252 87
Deposits	91 82
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	\$ 4,344 69

Gift — Amherst Gardeners	500 00
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	\$ 4,844 69
Withdrawals	—90 00
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	\$ 4,754 69
Interest	230 26
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 4,984 95

Amherst Police Gift Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$ 139 30
Deposits	19 96
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	\$ 159 26
Gifts	790 00
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	\$ 949 26
Withdrawals	—764 75
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	\$ 184 51
Interest	10 33
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 194 84

Excess Town Funds Savings Account I:

Savings 1-1-77	\$1,235,196 05
Withdrawals	—150,000 00
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	\$1,085,196 05
Interest	5,093 26
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	\$1,090,289 31
Transferred to General Fund	—279,478 00
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	\$ 810,811 31
Transferred to CD's	—810,811 31
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 0 00

Excess Town Funds Savings Account II:

3-7-77	\$ 974 70
Deposits from General Fund	328,069 16
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Interest	\$ 329,043 86
	4,537 12
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Withdrawals	\$ 333,580 98
	—333,000 00
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 580 98

Revenue Sharing Savings Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$ 17,838 40
Deposits	48,036 00
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Withdrawals	\$ 65,874 40
	—34,545 00
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Interest	\$ 31,329 40
	2,127 20
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 33,456 60

Amherst Conservation Land Purchase Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$ 7,031 52
Transfer from CD No. 1015 8-1-77	25,000 00
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Interest	\$ 32,031 52
	806 30
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 32,837 82

Anti-Recession Savings Account:

Savings 6-29-77	\$ 368 00
Deposits	3,554 00
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Interest	\$ 3,922 00
	69 90
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Balance 12-31-77	\$ 3,991 90

Lorden Lumber Escrow Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$	75 43
Interest		1 53
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	\$	76 96
Withdrawal		-76 96
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Acct. closed 6-1-77	\$	0 00

Peter Koster Escrow Account:

Savings 1-1-77	\$	241 30
Interest		9 13
		<hr/>
Balance 12-31-77	\$	250 43

Zolkos Timber Account:

Savings 8-1-77	\$	135 00
Interest		0 95
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Balance 12-31-77	\$	135 95

**CD Investments 1977**

Investments	\$1,600,030 83
Interest	12,572 94
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Total Investments & Interest 1977	\$1,612,603 77
 CD's to General Fund	 \$1,482,880 37
Interest to Excess Town Funds Savings	11,273 55
Principal to Excess Town Funds Savings	82,481 00
To Conservation Land Purchase Account	25,000 00
CD No. 1018	10,968 85
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	\$1,612,603 77

CD Investments 1977				To Excess
CD No.	Principal	Interest	To Gen'l. Fund	Town Funds Savings
987	\$249,624.00	\$ 974.70	\$249,624.00	\$ 974.70
988	309,812.00	2,459.52	309,812.00	2,459.52
989	133,448.00	1,645.25	133,448.00	1,645.25
990	112,638.00	1,954.15	112,638.00	1,954.15
1014	165,000.00	678.00	115,300.00	49,700.00
				678.00
1015*	152,000.00	1,333.65	127,000.00	1,333.65
1029	397,360.00	1,741.86	364,579.00	32,781.00
				1,741.86
1030	59,182.00	486.42	59,182.00	436.42
951	20,963.83	1,299.39	11,297.37	
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	\$1,600,030.83	\$12,572.94	\$1,482,880.37	\$93,754.55

CD 1018 -- \$10,968.85 -- Balance of No. 951

Columns 1 & 2 equal Columns 3, 4 & 5, plus remaining CD 1018.

\*\$25,000.00 (Column 5) to Conservation.

### Schedule A

Cash in Hands of Treasurer on Deposit in General Fund 1-1-78	\$1,111,330 85
Sanitary Landfill CD 1018	10,968 85
Revenue Sharing Savings Account	33,456 60
Amherst Recreation - Baboosic Account	1,203 44
Conservation Commission Savings Account	4,984 95
Conservation Comm. Land Purchase Account	32,837 82
Amherst Police Gift Account	194 84
Excess Town Funds Savings Account	580 98
Anti-Recession Savings Account	3,991 90
Payroll Account Error	0 01
Peter Koster Escrow Account	250 43
Zolkos Timber Account	135 95
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	\$1,199,936 62

MARION M. SORTEVIK, Treasurer



## *Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlements*

Unexpended Balance 12-31-76	\$17,838.40
1977 Entitlements:	
1-10-77	\$12,186.00
4-11-77	11,831.00
7-27-77	11,831.00
10-19-77	12,188.00
	<hr/> 48,036.00
Interest Received	2,127.20
Total Available	<hr/> \$68,001.60

### EXPENDED:

	Unexpend. Bal., 1-1-77	Approp. '77	Expended	Returned to Fund	Unexpend.
Article 17					
Chipper	\$ 434.00	\$	\$	\$ 434.00	\$
Article 13					
Cruiser	4,500.00		4,500.00		
Article 7					
Budget Offset		37,664.00	32,586.28	5,077.72	
Article 3					
Cruiser		5,200.00			5,200.00
Article 9					
Audit		6,000.00	16.95	2,383.05	3,100.00
Article 10					
Town Hall Renov.		5,000.00	4,830.50	169.50	
Total	<hr/> \$4,934.00	<hr/> \$53,864.00	<hr/> \$41,933.73	<hr/> \$8,564.27	<hr/> \$8,300.00
Total Expended				\$41,933.73	
Unexpended Balance				8,300.00	
Returned to Fund			\$3,564.27		
Unappropriated Funds			9,203.60		
			<hr/>	17,767.87	
Total				<hr/> \$68,001.60	

## Article 7

	Approp.	Expend.
Planning	\$ 2,130 00	\$ 1,037 43
Zoning	3,500 00	3,714 14
Mapping	2,000 00	1,770 50
Library	2,000 00	2,000 00
Town Office Exp.	1,200 00	1,432 25
Fire Dept.	5,130 00	2,236 54
Rescue	415 00	538 12
Police	7,989 00	7,566 08
Baboosic	2,200 00	1,799 70
Town Hall	3,500 00	2,891 52
Highway	7,600 00	7,600 00
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	\$37,664 00	\$32,586 28

### Revenue Sharing Bank Account

Balance as of 1-1-77	\$17,838 40
Received 1-10-77	12,186 00
Received 4-11-77	11,831 00
Received 7-27-77	11,831 00
Received 10-11-77	12,188 00
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Funds on Deposit	\$65,874 40
Interest Received	2,127 20
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Total Available	\$68,001 60
Transferred to General Fund	34,545 00
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Balance in Bank 12-31-77	\$33,456 60
Due to General Fund	7,388 73
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Balance in RSF	\$26,067 87

### Anti-Recession Funds Report

Entitlement 6-29	\$ 368 00
Entitlement 7-13	2,695 00
Entitlement 10-11	859 00
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Total Entitlement	\$3,922 00
Interest Earned	69 90
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Total Available	\$3,991 90
Expended	0 00
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Balance on Hand 12-31-77	\$3,991 90

## *Detailed Statement of Payments*

### Town Officers' Salaries

Gross Appropriation	\$23,018 00
Returned by Selectmen	110 00

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\$23,128 00

#### Expended:

Selectmen	\$ 6,905 00
Town Clerk	8,224 50
Trustee of Trust Funds	250 00
Tax Collector	5,000 00
Town Treasurer	1,625 00

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\$ 22,004 50

Accounts Recv. 1977                   -125 00

Accounts Payable 1978               +525 00

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\$ 22,404 50

### Town Office Expense

Appropriation	\$42,234 00
Transferred from Contingency	735 84
Acct. Payable	2,200 00
Misc. Income	0 90
Telephone	6 76
Postage	3 26
Misc. Income	322 85

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\$45,503 61

#### Expended:

Clerical Expense	\$ 8,771 40
Secretarial Service	8,580 00
Supplies	2,182 82
Equip. Repair	227 10
Telephone	2,615 53
Advertising	475 50
Fees	347 74
Dues	1,133 76
Appraisal	2,890 00
CPD	3,633 17
CPD Acc. Pay.	2,304 32

Meeting Expense	477 34
New Equipment	1,127 57
Town Report	4,623 76
Printing	154 75
Binding Books	251 00
Mileage	773 07
Equip. Leasing	2,310 68
RSA	50 00
Postage	1,957 87
Misc. Expense	517 69
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Total Expended	\$ 45,405 07
Acc. Pay. New Eq.	304 68
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	\$ 45,709 75

### Legal

Appropriation	\$10,000 00
Expended:	
Enright, Lizotte & Drescher	\$ 15,153 83
Accounts Payable	934 25
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	\$ 16,088 08

### Maps and Surveys

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Sale of Maps	127 00
Accounts Receivable	8 25
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	\$4,135 25
Expended:	
Mapping	\$ 1,319 96
Surveying	1,307 50
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	\$ 2,627 46
Accounts Payable — Surveying	573 00
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	\$ 3,200 46

### Elections

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Sale of Check List	30 00
Acct. Payable	822 00
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	\$2,852 00

Expended:		
Supervisor	\$	171 00
Supplies		129 25
Equipment		9 29
Printing		179 00
Check List		652 50
Ballot Clerks		567 50
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	\$	1,708 54
Acct. Payable		20 50
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	\$	1,729 04

### Fire Department

Appropriation	\$	57,560 00
Trustee of the Trust		
Fund for Truck		67,800 00
Forest Fire Bills		69 81
Acct. Payable 1976		2,041 50
Gas Refund		136 94
Misc.		8 14
Sale of Property		95 00
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	\$	127,711 39

Expended:		
Trustee of the Trust Funds	\$	20,000 00
Salaries		4,647 22
Supplies		487 14
Equipment Repairs		658 11
Electricity		1,224 55
Telephone		748 25
Water		30 00
Heat		1,888 35
Gas		1,250 00
Tools		7,000 67
Fires		12,367 57
Plant Maintenance		683 96
Radio Equipment		445 99
Equipment Repair		2,467 93
Water Hole		1,686 73
New Equipment		67,800 00
Equipment Leasing		24 02
Postage		31 10

Fire Prevention	408 70
Advertising	109 90
Misc.	188 20

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Accounts Payable	\$124,148 39
	+ 421 69

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Accounts Receivable	\$124,570 08
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### Street Lights

Appropriation	\$6,100 00
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Expended:	
Public Service	\$ 5,775 15

### Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$600 00
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Expended:	
Woodman's	\$ 30 00
Bands	550 00
Telephone	1 19
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	\$ 581 19

### Fourth of July

Appropriation	\$1,600 00
Income	337 00

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Expended:	
Parade	\$ 1,605 63
Reviewing Stand	279 00
Telephone	17 41
Xerox	4 00
Misc.	29 59
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	\$ 1,935 63

**Brick School**

Appropriation	\$ 6,683 00
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Including Est. Income	\$1,520 00
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Actual Income	1,460 00
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	\$ 6,623 00

**Expended:**

Janitor	\$ 2,418 00
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Supplies	57 20
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Electricity	547 56
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Water	37 50
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Heat	2,597 28
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Maintenance	669 51
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Rubbish	223 50
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	\$ 6,550 55

**Town Hall**

Appropriation	\$11,323 00
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Acct. Payable	395 45
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Sale of Key	1 00
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	\$11,719 45

**Expended:**

Salaries	\$ 2,418 00
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Electricity	1,608 75
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Water	22 50
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Heat	1,724 09
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Maintenance	774 04
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Renovation	2,891 52
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Repairs	595 57
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Common Lighting	205 66
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Rubbish	134 00
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Clock	90 00
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	\$ 10,464 13

**Dog Control**

Appropriation	\$4,260 00
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Fines	55 00
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	\$4,315 00



Expended:	
Dog Officer	\$ 1,264 00
Supplies	173 78
Damage Paid	450 00
Disposal	225 00
Board & Care	1,021 50
Printing	165 00
Mileage	360 00
Postage	81 00
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	\$ 3,740 28

#### **Tree Committee**

Appropriation	\$3,400 00
Accounts Payable	400 00
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	\$3,800 00

Expended:	
Spraying	\$ 300 00
Planting	190 00
Tree Care	288 00
Tree Removal	640 00
Commons	914 00
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	\$ 2,332 00

#### **Conservation**

Appropriation	\$1,600 00
Expended:	
Clerical	\$ 41 78
Dues	95 00
Maintenance (Land)	328 33
Training	164 00
Misc.	62 68
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	\$ 691 79

#### **Library**

Appropriation	\$ 45,157 00
Expended	45,712 77
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Accounts Receivable	\$ 555 77

#### **Regional Planning**

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Expended:	
Nashua Regional Planning	\$ 1,151 00

	<b>Health Department</b>	
Appropriation		\$550 00
Expended:		
Dr. James Starke		\$ 550 00
	<b>Souhegan Nursing</b>	
Appropriation		\$3,000 00
Expended:		
Souhegan Nursing		\$ 3,000 00
	<b>Vital Statistics</b>	
Appropriation		\$100 00
Expended		\$ 0 00
	<b>Nashua Mental Health</b>	
Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Expended:		
Nashua Mental Health Association		\$ 2,000 00
	<b>Old Age Assistance</b>	
Appropriation		\$6,500 00
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 5,467 00
	<b>Interest</b>	
Appropriation		\$15,000 00
Expended:		
Meric & Alice Arnold		\$ 1,355 69
Souhegan National Bank		22,954 41
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		\$ 24,310 00
	<b>Debt Service</b>	
Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank, note		\$1,500,000 00
	<b>Yield Tax</b>	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 340 96
	<b>County of Hillsborough</b>	
Appropriation		\$148,218 82
Expended		\$148,218 82

### School District of Amherst

Balance 1976-77 1-1-77	\$1,730,310 93
Expended	\$1,730,310 93
Appropriation 1977-78	\$2,979,219 55
Expended	1,047,404 08
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Due School District	\$1,931,815 47

### Planning Board

Appropriation			\$ 5,975 00
Fees	\$1,000 00	\$1,538 50	
Zoning Books		176 75	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,715 25	715 25
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			\$ 6,690 25
Expended:			
Clerical Payroll		\$ 754 03	
Supplies		30 65	
Advertising		1,244 00	
Registry of Deeds		537 56	
New Equipment		283 40	
Printing		110 00	
Xerox		189 76	
Postage		763 53	
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		\$ 3,912 93	
Returned Fees		45 00	
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		\$ 3,957 93	

### Zoning

Appropriation			\$ 30,453 00
Income:			
Test Pits		\$1,437 50	
Driveway Permits		615 00	
Building Permits		21,930 55	
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	\$26,000	\$23,983 00	-2,017 00
			<hr/>
			\$ 28,436 00

Expended:		
Building Inspector	\$	9,276 44
Clerical		2,191 03
Zoning Administrator		12,975 00
Supplies		155 17
Advertising		168 03
Refunds		1,067 20
New Equipment		1,696 36
Printing		155 00
Mileage		2,020 75
Xerox		13 02
Postage		47 63
Misc.		79 35
	\$	29,844 98

#### Civil Defense

Appropriation	\$1,050 00
State of New Hampshire	194 98
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	\$1,244 98

Expended:		
Equipment Repair	\$	75 05
Telephone		253 35
Tools & Equip.		475 23
Clerical Expense		146 59
New Equipment		44 55
Mileage		189 76
Training		18 17
Miscellaneous		214 89
	\$	1,417 59

#### Social Security

Appropriation	\$12,877 00
Income from CETA	422 51
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	\$13,299 51
Accounts Receivable from CETA	161 99
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	\$13,461 50

Expended:		
State of New Hampshire	\$	12,551 70
Accounts Payable State of New Hampshire		21 21
	\$	12,572 91

**Communication**

Appropriation	\$12,518 00	
Expended:		
Town of Milford		\$ 12,090 00

**Employee Retirement**

Appropriation	\$4,590 00	
Expended:		
Travelers Ins.		\$ 4,450 97

**Police Retirement**

Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 5,666 83

**Hydrant Rental**

Appropriation	\$1,875 00	
Expended:		
Amherst Village District		\$ 1,755 00
Town of Milford		120 00
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		\$ 1,875 00

**Board of Adjustment**

Appropriation	\$1,700 00	
Income	368 50	
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	\$1,331 50	

Expended:		
Clerical		\$ 175 88
Supplies		16 00
Advertising		564 00
New Equip.		155 28
Xerox		29 26
Postage		310 74
Misc.		20 00
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		\$ 1,271 16

# Police

Appropriation			\$127,991 00
Income:	Est.	Actual	
Pistol Permits	\$200	\$ 188 00	
Accident Reports	300	294 00	
Bike Reg.	700	408 00	
Radio Grant	710	710 00	
Dolan Grant	6,000	4,245 96	
Cadet Grant	1,250	695 00	
Gifts		764 75	
Gas Tax Refund	800	1,331 30	
Sale of Property		921 00	
Private Duty		6,284 00	
Hgwy. Safety		2,162 75	
Misc.	100	12 00	
	\$10,060	\$18,016 76	7,956 76
			<u>\$135,947 76</u>
Acct. Receivable:			
Gas Tax Refund		\$260 82	
Highway Safety		512 50	
Private Duty		60 00	
		-----	833 32
			<u>\$136,781 08</u>
Expended:			
Cadet		\$ 644 00	
Clerical		8,116 22	
Full Time		76,288 75	
Highway Safety		2,500 28	
Overtime		3,316 20	
Part Time		5,583 86	
Special Duty		6,194 00	
Outside Hire		90 00	
Traffic Aides		4,038 63	
Supplies		282 90	
Equip. Repair		200 76	
Telephone		1,857 81	
Gas		9,318 95	
Oil		180 34	
Tires		1,594 05	
Tools & Equip.		1,184 79	
Dues		85 00	

Board & Care	7 14
Medical	38 75
Radio Repair	1,127 21
Equip. Repair	4,206 69
Bike Expenses	140 82
Medical Tests	75 00
Film	121 94
Uniforms	2,214 80
Ammunition	37 34
Cleaning	1,505 77
Meeting Attendance	200 00
Vice Money	6 00
Officer Bill	380 58
New Equip.	7,126 49
Printing	381 65
Subscriptions	62 90
Equip. Leasing	142 00
R.S.A.	141 00
Postage	32 71
Misc.	1,033 20

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\$140,458 53

### **Recreation**

Appropriation \$ 15,500 00

Accounts Payable	\$ 186 00
Tennis	\$ 150 3,013 50
Softball	100 232 00
Baseball	300 304 00
Basketball	150 244 50
Soccer	200 243 00
Golf	15 88 00
Theater	100 410 00
Gift Backstop	657 00

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\$1,015 \$5,378 00 4,363 00

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\$ 19,863 00

### **Expended:**

Salary	\$ 10,499 32
Supplies	4 83
Telephone	4 25
Water	25 00

Meetings	16 00
Milford MCAA	150 00
Mileage	455 70
Xerox	156 52
Trust. of Trust Fund	1,500 00
Postage	3 52
Theater	409 41
Awards	31 73
Golf	80 00
Amherst Patriots	350 00
Softball	321 85
Baseball	1,836 89
Soccer	322 30
Tennis	2,950 17
Basketball	298 82
Misc.	16 95
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	\$ 19,433 26
Accounts Payable	272 85
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	\$ 19,706 11

### Baboosic

Appropriation		\$ 14,435 00
Accounts Payable	\$1,001 21	
Dock (from savings)	385 22	
Dance Income	\$ 650 863 00	
Electricity	100 00	
Baboosic Reg.	3,500 4,154 50	
Machine Comm.	1,100 865 50	
Rental	350 500 00	
Swim Lessons	470 516 00	
Cookout	450 0 00	
Concession	275 0 00	
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	\$6,795 \$8,385 43	1,590 43
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		\$ 16,025 43
Accounts Receivable		50 00
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		\$ 16,075 43



Expended:		
Crafts Director	\$	560 00
Director		200 00
Gate Attendance		736 00
Swim Instructors		5,488 35
Sign		76 00
Supplies		50 00
Repairs		104 90
Electricity		464 25
Telephone		98 94
Water		106 01
Sand		228 00
Advertising		20 00
Dance		423 00
Medical		104 55
Toilet Supplies		102 92
Plant Maintenance		1,107 75
Craft Supplies		101 63
New Equipment		227 24
Printing		23 00
Renovation		1,799 70
Theater		225 21
Awards		193 56
Rubbish		153 50
Dock		733 90
Swim Equipment		279 94
Misc.		66 18
Machine Commissions		426 62
	\$	14,101 15
Accounts Payable		465 78
	\$	14,623 93

#### Adult Education

Appropriation	\$5,509 00
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 4,115 50
Amherst Library	300 00
Advertising	16 00
Supplies	119 36
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	\$ 4,550 86
Balance is earmarked funds	\$ 958 14

<b>Ambulance</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 12,044 00
Income:		
	Budget	Rec'd.
Gas Tax Refund	\$ 0	\$ 29 80
Insurance Recovery	0	589 00
Mont Vernon	1,900	1,900 00
		618 80
		\$ 12,662 80
Accounts Receivable		17 89
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		\$ 12,680 69
Expended:		
Equip. Repair		\$ 1,599 72
Gas		616 69
Tools		1,569 64
Dues		230 00
Motor Vehicle Reg.		1,647 15
Uniforms		30 25
Office Supplies		179 06
New Equipment		2,906 53
Subscriptions		57 98
Equip. Leasing		12 96
New Trust Fund		3,000 00
Postage		21 32
Training		639 00
Misc.		121 25
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		\$ 12,631 55
Accounts Payable		231 88
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		\$ 12,863 43

<b>Fire Department</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 57,560 00
Trustee of the Trust Fund for Truck		67,800 00
Forest Fire Bills	\$ 69 81	
Acct. Payable 1976	2,041 50	
Gas Refund	136 94	
Misc.	8 14	
Sale of Property	95 00	
	-----	2,351 39
		-----
		\$127,711 39

Expended:		
Trustee of the Trust Funds	\$	20,000 00
Salaries		4,647 22
Supplies		487 14
Equipment Repairs		658 11
Electricity		1,224 55
Telephone		748 25
Water		30 00
Heat		1,888 35
Gas		1,250 00
Tools		7,000 67
Fires		12,367 57
Plant Maintenance		683 96
Radio Equip.		445 99
Equipment Repair		2,467 93
Water Hole		1,686 73
New Equipment		67,800 00
Equipment Leasing		24 02
Postage		31 10
Fire Prevention		408 70
Advertising		109 90
Misc.		188 20
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		\$124,148 39
Accounts Payable		421 69
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		\$124,561 17

### Insurance

Appropriation	\$	42,738 00
Income:		
Private Duty Ins.	\$420	40
Blue Cross	334	02
Officers Liability (School portion)	360	00
Police Liability (Returned premium)	360	00
SMP (Returned premium)	964	95
Hgwy. Safety Ins.	21	35
CETA Insurance	134	74
	-----	2,595 46
	\$	45,333 46
Accounts Receivable		5 00
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	\$	45,338 46

Expended:	
Blue Cross	\$ 13,605 77
Fleet Liab.	6,700 00
Life & Disab.	5,173 34
Officers Liab.	2,554 00
Police Liab.	1,112 20
Police Spec. Ins.	550 00
SMP	4,580 70
Bonds	538 00
Work. Comp.	18,537 60
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	\$ 53,401 61

### Welfare

Appropriation	\$ 8,000 00
Acct. Payable	150 00
Recoveries	2,306 65
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	\$10,456 65

Expended:	
E. C. Masten	\$ 550 00
Case 1	427 50
Case 2	865 83
Case 3	418 30
Case 4	43 43
Case 5	615 00
Case 6	10 00
Case 7	170 22
Case 8	98 68
Case 9	2,186 60
Case 10	270 53
Case 11	253 10
Case 12	60 00
Case 13	718 00
Case 14	35 00
Case 15	117 91
Case 16	10 00
Case 17	1,015 58
Case 18	11 00
Case 19	159 00
Case 20	350 00
Case 21	148 87

Case 22		234 68
Case 23		52 00
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	\$	8,821 23
Acct. Payable		185 80
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	\$	9,007 03
<b>Souhegan Land Fill</b>		
Appropriation	\$20,841 95	
1977 Pledge	18,476 24	
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	\$39,318 19	
Expended:		
Souhegan Reg. Land Fill		\$ 38,917 24
<b>General Expense Highway</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 27,506 00
Income:		
Gas Tax Refund	\$ 1,271 26	
Driveway Fees	1,425 00	
Insurance Recovery	563 38	
Signs	133 00	
Trustees	21,279 00	
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		24,671 64
Due from Trustees		6,394 24
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	\$	58,571 88
Expended:		
Payroll	\$	4,472 93
Supplies		5,198 92
Electricity		683 37
Telephone		506 03
Fuel		611 30
Diesel		1,389 31
Gas		4,689 62
Oil		450 65
Tires		1,856 70
Dues		10 00
Plant Maintenance		72 76
Motor Vehicle		4,643 04
Equip. Repair		4,361 62
Sign		1,069 60

Clerical Exp.	33 34
New Equip.	5,378 00
New Truck	22,673 24
Postage	9 76
Refund — Fee	10 00
Misc.	516 25
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	\$ 58,636 44
Accounts Pay.	4,501 32
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	\$ 63,137 76

#### Road Improvement

Appropriation	\$12,600 00
Expended:	
Tarvia	\$ 245 20
Outside Hire	2,725 00
Topping	9,626 06
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	\$ 12,596 26

#### Oiling

Appropriation	\$52,535 00
Income	350 00
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	\$52,885 00
Expended:	
Payroll	\$ 6,950 07
Tarvia	2,200 08
Waste Oil	2,675 00
Gravel	17 84
Sand	1,356 00
Outside Hire	7,324 00
Asphalt	595 07
Tar	31,662 24
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	\$ 52,780 30

#### Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	\$ 50,978 00
Fisk Fund	\$ 158 22
Misc. Income	1,103 25
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	1,261 47
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	\$ 52,239 47

Expended:		
Payroll	\$	30,489 51
Supplies		1,466 59
Gravel		7,433 18
Sand		52 11
Outside Hire		10,811 40
Topping		52 00
Pipe		402 56
Equip. Repair		41 60
New Equip.		260 00
Equipment Leasing		260 00
Surveying		548 50
Misc.		90 00
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	\$	51,907 45

#### Winter Maintenance

Appropriation	\$94,212 00
Misc. Income	447 80
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	\$94,659 80

Expended:		
Payroll	\$	36,487 25
Supplies		3,108 11
Equip. Repairs		1,500 22
Tarvia		764 98
Gravel		88 85
Sand		1,455 39
Salt		29,310 87
Outside Hire		32,343 54
Motor Vehicle		802 06
Equip. Repairs		1,934 36
New Equipment		2,539 68
Misc.		141 68
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		\$110,476 99

Accounts Payable	524 30
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	\$111,001 29

#### Grader Fund

Appropriation	\$8,500 00
Expended: Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 8,500 00

<b>Truck Reserve</b>	
Appropriation	\$15,000 00
Expended: Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 15,000 00

<b>Special Highway Equipment Reserve</b>	
Appropriation	\$16,125 00
Expended	\$ 16,125 00

<b>TRA — Town Road Aid</b>	
Appropriation	\$2,191 27
Expended	\$ 2,101 27

<b>Highway Subsidy</b>	
Appropriation	\$36,521 12
Expended:	
Payroll	\$ 3,661 60
Supplies	477 57
Gravel	9,104 74
Sand	1,200 50
Outside Hire	14,081 35
Topping	1,659 01
Bituminous	4,395 56
Pipe	1,907 36
Survey	75 00
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	\$ 36,562 69

<b>Parks</b>	
Appropriation	\$7,710 00
Expended:	
Payroll	\$ 4,339 45
Supplies	506 10
Outside Hire	965 00
Equipment Repair	582 35
Landscaping	470 00
Misc.	749 00
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	\$ 7,611 90

<b>Cemeteries</b>	
Appropriation	\$8,234 00
Expended:	
Personal Services	\$ 5,146 11
Supplies	419 26
Electricity	162 91
Water	30 00



Dues	5 00
Outside Hire	305 09
Equipment Repair	742 99
Tree Care	577 00
Surveying	116 95
Misc.	729 25
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	\$ 8,234 56
<b>Land Fill Expense</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 7,600 00
Income — CETA	5,495 00
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	\$13,095 00
Less Accounts Receivable 1976	1,906 10
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	\$11,188 90
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 8,740 88
Electricity	72 64
Gravel	893 10
Outside Hire	1,636 50
Hot Top	1,411 20
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	\$ 12,754 32
<b>Refunds and Abatements</b>	
Expended	\$ 6,941 88
<b>Town Clerk's Auto Account</b>	
Expended	\$ 2,055 00
<b>Article 15 of 1977 — Cemetery</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 15,000 00
Expended	\$ 15,000 00
Accounts Receivable	\$5,000 00
<b>Article 17 of 1974 — Wood Chopper</b>	
Balance RSF Forward — Returned to Fund	\$ 434 00
<b>Special Article 1 of 1977 — Fire Truck</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 33,400 00
Expended	11,033 27
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Balance Forward	\$ 22,366 73

<b>Special Article 2 of 1977 – Fire Alarm</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 2,700 00
Expended	2,400 00
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Under	\$ 300 00

<b>Article 13 of 1974 – Land Fill Prop.</b>	
Appropriation Forward	\$ 22,594 84
Expended:	
Meric & Alice Arnold	11,297 37
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Balance Forward	\$ 11,297 37

<b>Article 10 of 1977 – Town Hall Repairs</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 5,000 00
Expended	4,830 50
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Under	\$ 169 50

<b>Article 11 of 1977 – Special Highway Equipment Trust</b>	
Appropriation	\$16,125 00
Expended:	
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 16,125 00

<b>Article 12 of 1977 – Hurst Tool</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 5,324 00
Expended	5,323 70
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Under	\$ 0 30

<b>Article 16 of 1977 – Conservation Land</b>	
Appropriation	\$25,000 00
Expended:	
To Conservation Savings 7-20-77	\$ 25,000 00

<b>Article 22 of 1976 – Alarm</b>	
Balance Forward	\$ 11,300 00
Specs. Sold	120 00
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	\$ 11,420 00
Expended	11,816 61
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Over	\$ 396 61

**Article 23 of 1976 — Retirement**

Balance Forward	\$2,500 00	
Expended		\$ 2,500 00

**Article 8 of 1977 — Cruiser**

Appropriation (F.R.S.)	\$ 5,200 00	
Insurance Recovery	1,097 70	
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	\$ 6,297 70	
Expended		0 00
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Balance Forward	\$ 6,297 70	

**Article 9 of 1977 — Auditors**

Appropriation	\$6,000 00	
Expended		\$ 16 95
Returned to RJF		2,883 05
Balance Forward		3,100 00
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	\$ 6,000 00	

**Article 13 of 1977 — Bridge**

Appropriation	\$160,000 00	
Sale of Plans	30 00	
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	\$160,030 00	
Expended		152,334 61
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Balance Forward	\$ 7,695 39	

**Article 13 of 1976 — Cruiser**

Appropriation	\$4,500 00	
Expended:		
Hackler		\$ 4,500 00

**Article 17 of 1976 — Tennis Court**

Appropriation	\$ 23,708 49	
Sales of Specifications	21 00	
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	\$ 23,729 49	
Expended		25,178 90
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Over	\$ 1,449 41	

**Article 18 of 1976 — Master Plan**

Appropriation	\$ 4,671 20
Expended 1977	1,475 52
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Balance Forward	\$ 3,195 68

**Article 19 of 1976 — Bicentennial**

Appropriation 1977	\$935 00
Expended	\$ 551 32

**CETA**

Income	\$ 7,779 73
Accounts Receivable	2,279 80
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	\$10,059 53

Expended:	
Payroll	\$ 10,041 00
Equipment	64 33
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	\$ 10,105 33

**Amherst Village District**

Appropriation	\$5,583 63
Expended	\$ 5,583 63

**Special Gas Account**

Purchase	\$ 4,046 64
Transferred to Police	\$ 249 60
Transferred to Fire	1,573 61
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	\$1,823 21

Balance to be sold to Dept. in 1978

**Taxes Bought by Town**

Barbara H. Landry, Collector:	
September Sale	\$ 3,467 18
June Sale	72,869 70
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	\$ 76,336 88

**Contingency**

Accounts Payable	\$3,145 16
Appropriation	6,500 00
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	\$9,645 16

Expended:

Boston & Maine Crossing	\$ 552 50
Thomas Moran	1,500 00
Fire Alarm Light	145 90
Harold Warner — Car Repair	39 92
Fire House Repair	1,330 00
Warren Clattenburg	882 00
Structural Design Service	2,219 00
Sherburne Uniform	1,040 00

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\$ 7,709 32

Transferred to Budget Accts.:

Town Office Expense	735 84
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Accounts Payable:

Memorial Bridge	1,200 00
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\$ 9,645 16

## *Report of Highway Agent*

For the benefit of the new residents of Amherst, your Highway Garage is located on Dodge Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our work day is from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During storms, we try to have one of our personnel answering telephone calls at 673-2317. Your Road Agent's home telephone is 673-1293. There are eight regular employees consisting of one road agent, heavy equipment operators, light equipment operators and laborers. In addition, we have two Ceta Funded employees for a period of one year. During the summer, five college or high school boys are hired part time. Major equipment owned by the Town includes one grader, one tractor-loader-mower combination, three five-ton trucks and one one-ton truck. Our responsibilities are approximately 118 miles of road, care of the Town Common, all playgrounds, all outside maintenance of four school yards, four cemeteries and some work at the Landfill.

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1977:

### Winter Maintenance — Appropriation \$94,212.00

The winter maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from mid-November to mid-March. All road clearing, due to snow and ice (34 storms) is charged to this account. We have approximately 118 miles of roads to care for with eight hired trucks with plows, one Town grader, one Town tractor and four Town trucks. We have tried to give the school bus routes and areas where children walk to school or to meet buses special attention. We also clear snow from some sidewalks in the village as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark Schools, the Fire Stations, Library, Old Brick School and the Town Hall.

The other main work done in winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are included in this program. During the winter of '76-'77, brush and trees were cut on Mont Vernon Road, Green Road and Eaton Road. Our chipper eliminated the costly hauling of brush to the Landfill.

In order to cut the use of rock salt for ecological reasons,

sand is being used in larger amounts. However, this does not save money and it takes longer to make the roads safe for travel. Also, this method of ice control requires more clean-up in the Spring than salt. The cooperation of the public in the form of reduced speed is also necessary during storm periods in order for this program to work.

#### Summer Maintenance — Appropriation \$50,978.00

All general maintenance from mid-March to December 1 is covered under this account. Included is the grading, use of the York rake on 34 gravel roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs, etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1977, we spot graveled County Road, Grater Road, Old Manchester Road, Pond Parrish Road, Lynch Farm Road, Austin Road and Dodge Road. Ten culverts were installed in various locations in Amherst. Brush was machine cut on approximately 118 miles of road, and some areas were done a second time. Brush was hand cut on Mack Hill Road, Thornton Ferry Road No. 1, Old Milford Road, Boston Post Road South, Thornton Ferry Road No. 2 and at corners and intersections.

Many hours were spent replacing street signs. Four weeks were spent cleaning ditches and culverts during the Fall months.

#### Oiling — Appropriation \$52,535.00

Under this account, 20.9 miles of road were resurfaced at the cost of \$31,662.24 for asphalt alone. The roads were: Thornton Ferry No. 1, Ponemah Hill Rd., Old Nashua Road, North Hollis Road, Boston Post Road South, Thornton Ferry No. 2, Veterans Road, Windsor Drive, Cross Road, Mack Hill Road, north end, Warren Way, Hodgedon Lane, Old Coach Lane, Upper Flanders Road, Roberge Drive, Jones Road, Deerwood Drive, Danbury Circle, Newbury Drive, Madison Lane, Georgetown Drive, Williamsburg Drive, Honeybrook Lane, Ravine Road, Roberts Road, Streets at Lake, Steeple Lane, Austin Road, Brookwood Drive, Flanders Road, Pine Acres Road, Merrimack Road, west end, Shadow Lane and Spring Road.

The cost of patching all black roads and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under this oiling appropriation. 11,600 gallons of waste oil were applied to gravel roads where dust is a problem.

#### Town Road Aid — Appropriation \$16,109.76

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help towns improve their roads. Money for this account is raised on a 15% town cost and 85% State aid. Supervision is jointly held by the State and the Road Agent. Under this account, money was spent on Front Street at Baboosic Lake and Thornton Ferry No. 2 at Thatcher's corner.

#### Gas Subsidy — Appropriation \$36,521.12

This is a program started in 1971 by the State to help towns improve their roads and the care of their roads. Money for this account is 100% State aid. Under this program, two areas of the Lake Road were done — 600 ft. at the junction of Pond Parrish and 1200 ft. west of Wilbur Parker's house. On Thornton Ferry Road No. 2 1000 ft. were done by Scott's and 1300 ft. by Thatcher's house.

#### Road Improvement — Appropriation \$12,600.00

Money under this account was spent on shimming at the junction of Caldwell Drive and 101A, Northern Boulevard and 101A, the junction of School House Road and 101, Lake Road near the junction of Spring Road, Broadway at Baboosic Lake, and Thornton Ferry Road No. 2 in the village.

#### Parks and Playgrounds — Appropriation \$7,710.00

Money under this account is spent on the maintenance of the Town Commons, two playgrounds, the Old Brick School Yard, Wilkins and Clark School grounds. Some work done at the Library also comes under this account. The work consists of raking and picking up of leaves, mowing and trimming of the grass, care of the park fences and the constant picking up of papers, etc. from the lawns. Town trash barrels are placed in these areas during the summer and help to keep our village picked up. The children who have used the parks have been considerate in disposing of their



trash in these barrels. Five loads of loam were spread on the Spaulding Playground and both the football field on Jones Road and Spaulding Field were fertilized this year.

Cemeteries — \$8,234.00

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries in Amherst: Meadowview, the Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner and Chestnut Hill. Some of the work accomplished this year other than regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries, was a program of resetting all the stones in the older cemeteries, which we will continue in 1978; many areas in the Meadowview Cemetery were loamed and seeded; the fence in front of the Meadowview Cemetery was scraped and painted.

There were 16 burials in Meadowview Cemetery and 1 burial in Cricket Corner Cemetery.

I would like you, the taxpayer, to know that your Highway Department is doing everything possible to give you good service and to keep the cost of operation down. With this in mind, we have tried to assist various other departments whenever possible.

In closing, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1977 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs. Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you, are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Highway Agent

# *Amherst Fire Department*

## Annual Report — 1977

The Department responded to 144 calls during the year, of which four (4) were major structures fires, as compared to 111 calls last year with four (4) major.

As the town grows, so grows the number of fire calls. With the ever increasing wood stove installations, of the prime concern to the Fire Wards is the fact that they are installed correctly. An improperly installed stove is a threat to you, your property and your loved ones.

After the installation, then comes the burning of the proper kind of wood and the care and maintenance of your chimney.

Valuable information, literature and an inspection can readily be obtained by a simple phone call to the Fire Chief, or either of his Assistants.

### Amherst Fire Calls

Structure (Minor)	5	Dryer	1
Structure (Major)	4	Electrical	4
Brush	28	Car Fire	15
Grass	3	Accidents (Auto)	10
Tree	2	False Alarm	9
Chimney	19	Still Alarm	5
Smoke Investigation	2	Misc.	6
Oil Burner	3	Stove	3

Mutual aid was received 13 times and supplied 16 times out of town.

The Amherst Fire Department is composed of four engine companies which man and equip 2 stations — our Central Station in the Village and the South Station on Stearns Road. Listed below are the stations, their equipment and officers:

### Central Station

Engine One:

Captain Joe Luongo

Lt. David Hanlon

Engine Two:

Captain David Sliney

Lt. James Lawson

Engine Three:

Captain Mike Riccitelli

Lt. Art McKenney

Engine Four:

H 1960 International 4-wheel drive brush truck

Tanker One:

A military vehicle which has the water capacity of 2,000 gallons.

#### South Station

Engine Five:

Captain Fred Yunggebauer

Lt. Bankson Ritter

Tanker Two:

Same as Tanker One in Central Station

A new 1977 International 4-wheel drive brush truck to replace Engine Four is expected for delivery in March or April, 1978.

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the number of the Communications Center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, Wilton and Mont Vernon, 24 hours a day. Please give property owner's name, the street name, and the town when reporting a fire.

A combined drill with all companies is held the first Monday of each month. Each company holds a practice drill on one of the following Mondays of that month with a fire ward in attendance.

The Wards wish to thank the members of the four engine companies for all their time and efforts in 1977. Also, our thanks to the Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the people of Amherst for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief

RICHARD CROCKER, 1st Assistant Chief

DAVID HERLIHY, JR., 2nd Assistant Chief

# *Fire Prevention Bureau*

## **Annual Report**

During the year, members of the Bureau conducted eighteen inspections of homes, businesses, schools and town buildings. Home inspections are done only at the request of the home owner, while other inspections are done on a scheduled basis. In addition to inspections, many visits were made to advise on installations of wood stoves and to examine chimneys and fireplaces.

Again this year the Amherst Bank and Trust Company sponsored the "Captain No Burn" program. The Bureau presented this program to students in the first, second, and third grades.

With the increasing cost of fuel oil more people are putting in wood stoves. Members of the Bureau are asking people to please contact them when you are installing a wood stove. If you already have a wood stove, we will come to your home at your request to inspect it and the chimney. People to call are: Walt Nelson, 673-8371, or Mike Riccitetelli, 673-2677.

The Bureau conducted a fire extinguisher course for the fifth and sixth grades.

Members of the Bureau are: William Alger, Pete Anderson, Bruce Bowler, Marty Champagne, Jim Lawson, Arthur McKinney, John Moorehouse, Walt Nelson, Tim Pullar, Mike Riccitetelli, Ted Riter and Norm Woods.

The Bureau would like to thank all those who have worked and assisted the Bureau in its activities. Particular thanks to town officials and the Fire Wards.

MICHAEL RICCITELLI, Chairman

BRUCE BOWLER, Secretary

# *Amherst Police Department*

1977

## **Police Roster**

Chief John T. Osborn, Jr.  
Sgt. Steven Sexton  
Officer David Bode  
Officer Mark Coro  
Officer Richard Dolan  
Officer Gary MacGuire  
Officer Harold Wheeler  
Officer Michael White  
Special Officer Dog Officer Patrick Doherty  
Special Officer Albert Junkins  
Special Officer Robert McHatton  
Special Officer Clerk Dispatcher Nancy Holland  
Special Officer Traffic Aide Suzanne Alger  
Special Officer Traffic Aide Nancy Demers  
1977 Summer Cadet:  
Cadet Peter Lyon

## **Resigned during 1977:**

Officer Edward Gamache  
Officer Eric Powell  
Dog Officer Patrick Doherty  
Traffic Aide Marion Pollock

## **Incidents Reported to Police in 1977:**

123 Accidents  
340 Alarms  
193 Arrests  
5 Arson  
3 Assault  
2 Assaults (on Police Officer)  
284 Assist Motorist  
3 Bad Checks  
2 Blood Transfers  
36 Burglaries  
19 Cash Escorts

158	Criminal Mischief
13	Criminal Trespass
4	Death Reports
2	Disturbance
382	Dog Complaints (85 Impounded)
195	Fire Calls
80	Found Property
3	Littering
9	Lost Property
125	Medical Assistance
1087	Miscellaneous Incidents
19	Missing Persons/Attempt to Locate
87	Motor Vehicle Complaints
248	Mutual Aid to other Departments
38	Nuisance Phone Calls
329	Open Doors/Windows
97	Pistol Permit Applications
5	Prowlers
7	Recovered Stolen Vehicles
1	Robbery
3	Shoplifting
54	Stray Livestock
2	Stolen Vehicles
83	Suspicious Persons/Vehicles
116	Thefts
50	Towed Vehicles/Abandoned Vehicles
127	Transfers (Paperwork/People)
4	Trespassing
2	Truancy
4371	Incidents Reported in 1977
3593	Incidents Reported in 1976
2737	Incidents Reported in 1975
2058	Incidents Reported in 1974
1064	Incidents Reported in 1973
716	Incidents Reported in 1972

### **Arrests by Amherst Police in 1977:**

Adults: Total 193

- 2 Assault on Police Officer
- 3 Bad Check

- 4 Burglary
- 1 Concealment of Merchandise
- 3 Disorderly Conduct
- 96 DWI
- 1 False Inspection Sticker
- 1 Failure to Appear in Court
- 16 Knowingly Present Controlled Drugs
- 7 Motor Vehicle Arrests
- 4 Operating Without License
- 5 Operating After Revocation
- 8 Operating After Suspension
- 18 Possession of a Controlled Drug
- 1 Possession of Master Keys
- 1 Safekeeping
- 1 Theft
- 2 Theft by Unauthorized Taking
- 4 Unreasonable Speed
- 15 Warrants

#### Juveniles: Total 126

- 15 Criminal Mischief
- 3 Criminal Trespassing
- 4 Disorderly Conduct
- 3 Driving to Endanger
- 3 DWI
- 1 Escapee Y.D.C.
- 12 Incidents
- 11 Knowingly Present Controlled Drugs
- 10 Possession of a Controlled Drug
- 9 Missing Persons
- 14 Operating Motor Vehicle Without License
- 3 Operating Motorcycle Without Headgear
- 26 Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage
- 6 Theft
- 2 Truancy
- 4 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

978 Total Summonses for 1977  
 3412 Total Warnings Checkups for 1977  
 4390 Total Driver Contact for 1977

Looking at the preceding figures for 1977 might create a feeling of apathy unless you compare the statistics with 1976. This comparison will reflect how well, and not just what the department has been doing.

Activity	1976	1977	Change
Incidents	3,593	4,371	+ 21%
Accidents			
Property Damage	147	106	- 28%
Personal Injury	54	17	-218%
Fatalities	5	0	-500%
Total	206	123	- 40%
Burglaries	39	36	- 8%
Property Loss	\$25,519	\$23,109	- 9%
Property Recovered	\$ 8,007	\$ 6,075	- 24%
Criminal Mischief	159	158	same
Dog Complaints	332	382	+ 15%
Arrests	204	319	+ 56%
Adults	128	193	+ 50%
DWI	49	96	+ 96%
Drug Related	18	34	+ 89%
Juvenile	76	126	+ 66%
DWI	3	3	same
Drug Related	8	21	+ 163%

This department continues to attempt to reach the youth of the community.

1. Officer Bill, although he has diminished in size, from myself to Sgt. Sexton, he has grown in stature. The enthusiasm shown by the children toward the police is most rewarding. Strange as it may seem, these children are more cognizant of the equipment that we have and what it is used for than most parents.

2. Although the weatherman wouldn't cooperate, approximately 100 boys and girls braved the elements to compete in the Annual Police Association Bicycle Rodeo, for prizes which included three 10-speed bicycles donated by



civic minded agencies. To our amazement they gorged themselves on ice cream and coke and survived. This is our fun day and without the assistance of the Amherst Rescue Squad and Fire Prevention Team, it would not have been such a success.

3. Police Explorer Post 194 continues to draw youth, between 14 and 19 years, from Amherst and surrounding towns interested in learning about police and law enforcement careers. You probably have seen members of the Post during our parades or assisting in the Walk-A-Thons. Their civic pride is reflected in their performance of these duties. Your support in the fund raising activities have enabled this program to continue. Parents and youth interested in this program may obtain additional information by contacting the police department during normal duty hours.

Concerned citizens donated a CB base station and now the Police Department continuously monitors Emergency Channel 9. Unfortunately, we only hear you when the station is manned. During 1977 it has proven its potential because of immediate reports of accidents and on the scene evaluation to determine if persons were injured. It also proved beneficial during the ice storm until our power went out.

It is easy to see 1977 was a busy and productive year. With this increase in activity it is also apparent that the existing facility is nearing the point of inadequacy. More and more occurrences of the public being confronted with subjects under arrest, exposed to verbal abuse and even physical confrontation, avoided only by alert officers. This is an unsavory condition which as the Town grows, unfortunately, will be the rule and not the exception. I feel the time has come when we must look to the future and initiate affirmative action toward the development of a new facility.

I thank you all for the consideration and cooperation received in the past and will continue to provide the best service possible in an efficient, impartial and professional manner.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chief of Police

## *Dog Officer's Report*

There were 1,267 licensed dogs, and 382 dog complaints in the Town of Amherst during 1977.

1977 was a year of change for Amherst dog owners. On June 1, 1977, the Amherst Dog Control Law went into effect. This law states that a dog must be under the control of its owner or a responsible person at all times. This control can be either physical or verbal.

On August 30, 1977, the State of New Hampshire revised the dog licensing fees. The following rates now apply to the licensing of dogs:

Neutered male	\$3.50
Spayed female	\$3.50
Non-Neutered male	\$6.00
Non-Spayed female	\$6.50

All dogs three months of age or older are required to be licensed by May 1st of each year.

Many people are complying with the dog law. However, there have been exceptions. Several warnings and/or summonses have been issued to these violators.

Presently, Amherst's major problem with dogs is the damage done by dogs when they are unrestrained. During 1977, there have been several reports of dogs damaging private property, i.e. rubbish, rabbits, cattle, dogs, deer and even people.

In order to eliminate this problem, I ask the dog owners in Amherst to put more effort in complying with the law, so that their friendly pet may remain just that, and not become a nuisance.

PATRICK DOHERTY, Dog Officer





HOW INVESTED		PRINCIPAL					INCOME			
NO. OF SHARES OR OTHER UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.)	Balance Beginning Year	ADDITIONS		Proceeds From Sales	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
			Purchases	Capital Gains						
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS:										
1,678,190	Broad Street Investing Corporation	18,387.35		1,213.74			19,601.09		889.43	
4,061,535	Chemical Fund, Inc.	18,962.69		829.04			19,791.73		771.63	
986,130	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	11,971.41					11,971.41		660.72	
86,000	First Financial Group of N.H., Inc.								86.00	
3,664,664	National Investors Corporation	14,959.76		847.63			15,807.39		476.41	
1,157,409	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc.	10,918.74					10,918.74		261.11	
1,609,582	Puritan Fund, Inc.	14,462.74		469.67			14,932.31		1,016.02	
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	34,492.53					34,492.53		1,897.01	
	Concord Savings Bank								64.04	
	Merchants Savings Bank								799.70	
	Milford Cooperative Bank	1,680.14	16,924.04				18,604.18		116.26	
	Souhegan National Bank	3,800.00	10,550.00				14,350.00		734.36	
	U.S. Treasury Bonds - 3 3/8% - 1982	35,000.00					35,000.00		2,231.26	
	Souhegan National Bank - checking account	100.00					100.00			
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS		164,735.56	27,474.04	3,359.48			195,569.08		10,001.01	
INCOME INVESTMENTS:										
562,021	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	6,896.34					6,896.34		376.55	
	New Hampshire Savings Bank	19,662.31	728.03				20,390.34		1,222.03	
	Souhegan National Bank - checking account	4,014.18	2,794.74				6,808.92			
TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS		30,573.83	3,522.77				34,096.60		1,604.58	
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS		195,308.39	30,996.81	3,359.48			229,665.68		11,608.59	
TOTALS										

## *Welfare Officer's Report*

The responsibility to provide welfare assistance to those who are unable to support themselves has been mandated by the legislature at the local, county, and state levels.

At the local or Town level the administration of welfare assistance has been delegated to a Welfare Officer, more commonly referred to as the Overseer of the Poor. The funds necessary are annually appropriated at Town Meeting.

As the result of a Court Decision in 1976, a set of Welfare guidelines were prepared by a committee organized by the N.H. Municipal Association. This Committee was made up of representatives of the N.H. Division of Welfare, County Welfare administrator, Selectmen and local welfare officers and the N.H. Legal Assistance.

The objective of the guidelines was to insure that all applicants for assistance were treated in a uniform and consistent manner to determine eligibility and amounts and kinds of assistance.

Contrary to general opinion, Amherst has a welfare assistance problem which is increasing as evidenced by the increase in the annual budget. In 1968 the budget was \$2500.00 with the actual expenditure of \$752.86. In 1977 the budget was \$9,000.00 with the actual expenditures of \$9,007.03. The 1978 budget is set at \$10,000.

The need for assistance in Amherst comes from circumstances which are applicable to all levels of economic positions in the community.

The most common factors are as follows: Marital problems resulting in the breakup of the family, whereby the wife is left with the responsibility of maintaining the home and providing for the children, ranging in age and number. The impact of accident or prolonged illness, resulting in heavy medical expenses, which in turn has liquidated savings, coupled with the inability at the same time to continue employment creates a need for assistance. Loss of employment of one or both adult members of the family is another factor.

There are juvenile problems, the solution of which is beyond the ability or willingness of the parents to resolve. In such a situation the juvenile becomes a ward of the Court or State and the cost a liability of the Town.

The law provides for the liability of and the recovery of charges for assistance from the recipients by the Town granting such assistance. In most cases there are none or limited assets to levy against.

Assistance granted by the County does not relieve the Town since such costs are a part of the Total County Assessment. State aid in some classifications, Old Age Assistance and the Total or Partially Disabled costs are shared on a prorata basis with the Town assuming a major share.

## *Tree Committee Report*

This past year the Amherst Tree Committee has planted 12 new trees on town property; crabapples, dogwoods, zelkova serrata, a Fringe Tree, a pair of Maackia amurensis, and a Paperbark Maple. Next year we will again plant small ornamental and native varieties as replacements for those that have been removed.

This year sixteen dead or diseased elms, maples and pines were cut down in the village. A large crotched pine on the Oval Common developed a split and was taken down in December. At the same time some pruning of maples in the center of that common was done to allow more sunshine to reach the grass.

Money from the Tree Committee's budget was used to purchase and spread fertilizer on the Town Commons.

JOSEPH A. LUONGO  
HOWARD F. PARKHURST  
ANNE COLBY HINES

## *Amherst Town Library*

### *Trustees' Report*

1977 has been another year of change and growth for the Amherst Town Library. The circulation figures continue to increase, the work load also, causing some crowding conditions. This has prompted the Board of Trustees to look within the library for more space. It has been decided to move the children and young people downstairs into the Johnson meeting room. The Board made this decision only after many weeks of meetings, visits to other libraries, and advice from a District Advisor. This will release more space for the Reference section, which will be moved into the present children's room. The work-room and charge desk area will also be expanded. The Head Librarian will now be able to have a desk of her own, which is a much appreciated gift from Esther and Ben Bundy, a former Trustee.

We have two new employees added this year — Marcia de Steuben, Children's and Young People's Librarian; also Lorell Girard, Clerk-typist, whom we share with the Milford Library on a part-time basis. Both salaries are being funded by C.E.T.A.

This year also brought a new trustee, Joanne Just, a welcome addition to the Board.

The Friends of the Library have been great advocates for the library in the community. They support our activities and ideas with enthusiasm; story hour, summer reading activities, book discussion groups, a fund drive to businesses, and any other support we need that involves money and time.



The present officers of the Friends are as follows:

Chairperson	Dorene Taylor
Vice-Chairperson	Lynn Laguardia
Secretary	Jean Lyon
Treasurer	Lonie Haulenbeek
Membership	Eloise Bast
Book Mending	Dorene Taylor
Book Discussion	Timney Bacon
Book Processing	Carol Ritchie
Publicity	Jean Pituck
Art	Andrea Keenan
Flowers	Constance Woolford
Book and Bake Sale	Deede Scott
Story Hour	Cathy D'Agostino
Summer Reading	Evelyn Dudley
Advisor	Lucy Ramsay

The Board of Trustees is grateful for a very efficient, hard-working staff, and their dedication to serving the library and the community. Head Librarian, Betty Watson – Library Assistants, Cele Clough, Marian Williston, Sally Suomala, Joedy Allen – our part-time helper, Connie George – and the pages, Joanne Ledger, Sharry McNally, Natalie Brown, Karen Mattson, Cheryl Spargo. Cele Clough has completed all eight Public Library Techniques courses, and has been awarded her certificate. These are courses offered by the State, and the Board urges all the staff to attend when possible.

Our Summer Branch Library was at the Middle School again this year and was well received.

The Book Selection Committee, Betty Watson, Betty Lyle, Lucy Ramsay, has met every month with emphasis on reader participation in the selecting of books. An example of this has been the Amherst Gardeners purchasing special books, and donating them to the library; the Recreation Committee, through the Adult Education classes, have also purchased books which will soon be added to the collection. The Board wishes to express their many thanks to groups, and individuals who give books, magazines, newspapers, and other gifts – this is the input that makes the library a community resource.

The Board of Trustees meet every second Tuesday of the month, in addition to State meetings, district meetings and special workshops.

The Trustees project more changes to the library as the town grows. They are constantly assessing the possibilities of the future; more hours open, possible bookmobile, a permanent branch library, all these to be accomplished only after research and careful thought. The future will also have to bring more full-time employees.

We like to think of our library as a friendly, hard-working, warm organization. It can be this way only with support from the community — we feel we have this, and we look forward to a new year of challenge and change.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH LYLE

LUCY RAMSAY

JANICE SHETHAR

JOANNE JUST

E. DANIEL JOHNSON

RYLAND COX

Board of Trustees

# *Amherst Town Library* *Librarian's Report*

## **Circulation Statistics for 1977:**

Adult Fiction	21,787
Adult Non-fiction	12,203
Juvenile	22,387
Magazines	7,036
Art Prints	15
Puzzles	131
Records	2,919
Inter-Library Loans	
(Borrowed from other Libraries)	599
Loans to Non-Residents using the Statewide Library Card	907
Films	30
Pamphlets	348
Inter-Library Loans	
(Amherst loaned to other Libraries)	70
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Grand Total	68,432

This total is a gain of 4,237 over last year's total circulation. 687 new patrons were registered in 1977, giving a total of 4,335 registered patrons.

## **Book Collection:**

We purchased 1,882 new books in 1977 and added an additional 272 through donations or memorial gifts. The breakdown of new books is:

Adult Fiction	538
Adult Non-fiction	753
Juvenile Fiction, incl. Picture Books	470
Juvenile Non-fiction	393
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Total Added	2,154

429 books were withdrawn from the collection due to obsolescence, loss, damage or wear. Our book collection now stands at:

Adult	12,951
Juvenile	5,759
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Total	18,710

### **Magazines and Newspapers:**

New magazines subscribed to this year are: Americana, Bicycling, Cricket, Hobbies, Mother Earth News, Organic Gardening, and Sphere, making a total of 64 periodical subscriptions. We also receive as gifts or purchase locally 33 additional magazines. Our total list of magazine titles will contain 97 titles for the coming year.

Two new newspapers are being received: The New York Times Large Type Weekly is a gift of the Amherst Lions Club and the Christian Science Monitor is a gift from the publisher.

### **Recordings:**

Our record collection consists of 115 recordings for children and 413 for adults and young adults. Total — 528.

### **Johnson Meeting Room:**

75 library meetings, workshops and programs took place in the Meeting Room. Various town organizations held 154 meetings, making a total of 229 times the room was booked.

### **Middle School Summer Library:**

For the third year, the Town Library and the Amherst School System cooperated in opening the Middle School Library for public use during 8 weeks of summer. Mrs. Donald Carper was in charge again assisted by 5 student pages. The library was open 2 hours each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Library use was very good, even with the bridge on the Boston Post Road closed. Circulation was steady and in-library use of A-V materials increased over last year.

Statistics include:

#### **Circulation:**

Adult Fiction	79
J. Fiction	1,038
J. Non-fiction	178
Magazines	7

#### **A-V Usage:**

Cassettes	43
Kits	256
Film Strips	19
Records	152

Total	<hr/> 1,772
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Registrations included 36 adults and 110 children — total 146.

### **Summer Reading Program:**

In answer to many requests from teachers and parents, the Reading Program was expanded from 4 to 6 weeks this year, encouraging children to read for pleasure during the summer and to retain and increase reading skills learned in school.

A total of 175 children enrolled in the program (131 at the Town Library and 44 at the Middle School Summer Library). 81 of these children completed 6 or more books and were invited to a party and film show in the Johnson Meeting Room to celebrate their achievements. During the 6 weeks, 765 books were read at the Town Library and 528 at the Middle School, totaling 1,293 books read in all.

### **Pre-School Story Hour:**

The Friends of the Library Pre-School Story Hour, under the direction of Cathy D'Agostino, held weekly story hours for 4 and 5 year olds during the school year. Approximately 20 children attended most Story Hours, which included craft activities, films, and singing games as well as storytelling.

### **Other:**

With the hiring of a full-time Children's Librarian, Marcia de Steuben, in December, we feel we are well on our way to providing greatly expanded Children's services for Amherst youngsters.

Re-location of various sections of the library are also planned for 1978, which will create more space for reference books, work areas, and a more orderly arrangement of adult books.

I would like to express my thanks to the Friends of the Library for their active support and many services throughout the year; to the many people who donated books for the Friends' Book Sale and for library use; and to the hard-working dedicated library staff, who perform countless duties and services throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY WATSON, Librarian

# *Amberst Town Library*

## *Treasurer's Report*

Period January 1, 1977 to January 2, 1978

### INCOME

Cash balance 1-1-77	\$ 308 69
Town Appropriation	43,657 00
Revenue Sharing for Books	1,500 00
Trust Fund Income	1,102 63
Fines	1,741 30
Gifts	162 07
Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund	37 47
Katy Hutchings Memorial for Special Books	416 00
Ben Bundy Memorial	385 00
Recreation Commission for Special Books	300 00
Total Income	<u>\$49,610 16</u>

### EXPENSES

	Spent 1977	Budget 1978
Librarians' Salaries	\$25,219 34	\$29,400 00
Custodian	2,160 00	2,500 00
Books:		
Town Approp.	\$7,900 00	
Rev. Sharing	1,500 00	
Warren Fund	37 47	
Hutchings Fund	287 92	
Gifts	162 07	
Fines	1,120 38	
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	11,007 85	9,400 00
Bindings, postage, supplies	1,609 40	1,500 00
Magazines	720 23	750 00
Records	229 58	350 00
Lights	1,367 95	1,755 00
Heat & A.C.	1,356 60	1,670 00
Phone (incl. fire alarm con.)	479 87	520 00
Bldg. & Grnds.	1,117 80	850 00
Miscellaneous	302 12	500 00
Middle Sch. Summer Lib.	429 75	500 00
	<u>\$46,000 49</u>	<u>\$49,695 00</u>

## CAPITAL EXPENSES

Vacuum Cleaner	\$ 299 75
Step Ladder	58 89
Paper Back Book Case	144 95
Heavy Duty Typewriter	475 00
Librarian's Desk & Chair	520 88
Stack & Nest Containers	9 96

Total Capital Expenses	\$ 1,509 43
Operating Expenses as above	46,000 49
Total Expenses for 1977	\$47,509 92

Souhegan Checking Account Balance:

$$\$49,610.16 - \$47,509.92 = \$2,100.24$$

Balance Allocation:

Katy Hutchings Fund	\$128 07
Ben Bundy Fund	385 00
Amherst Recreation Com.	300 00
Fines	620 92
General Fund Balance	666 25

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\$2,100 24

Town Trust Officers hold for us 59 shares of MIT stock, for the Sam and Alys Warren Book Fund.

On December 28, 1977 we recived 67 shares of 3.20 Preferred shares of AVCO stock from Anna and Ted Boardman. According to IRS rullings we shall have to sell this stock very soon. Value of the above stock is about \$3,000.00.

In Souhegan Bank Special Savings

Account No. 800-052-3:

Gifts by Anna & Ted Boardman:

Gift 667 shares AVCO 12-22-74, sold  
and used to pay for air conditioning.

Balance	\$ 638 42
Gift 155 shares AVCO 12-26-76. Sold.	2,151 01
Accrued Dividends	96 57

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\$2,886 00

In Souhegan Special Savings Account  
No. 800-069-7:

Fines Acct. Bal., 1-1-77	\$1,361 96
Fines added in 1977	1,318 07
Lost Books	26 34
Interest	69 66
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	\$2,776 03
Less sum transferred to checking for books	996 81
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Balance 1-3-78	\$1,779 22

In Souhegan Special Savings Account  
No. 800-053-1:

Copy Machine Amortization Acct.	
Balance 1-1-77	\$2,838 31
1977 Profits	787 25
Interest	168 62
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Balance 1-3-78	\$3,794 18

In Amherst Bank and Trust Co.  
Special Savings Account No. 002-6055:

Past Gifts by Anna Mosher	\$ 800 00
Gift Honora Spalding	500 00
Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial (balance)	130 02
Laura and James Wanless Memorial (balance)	690 67
Accumulated Dividends	355 43
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1-3-78 Balance	\$2,476 12

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer



## *Board of Adjustment*

The Board of Adjustment regrets that two of their members, Thomas Carson and Russell Steeves, had to resign for personal reasons. Clark Stewart and Ralph Haskell were appointed by the Selectmen, on July 21 and November 21, respectively, to fill in for them until Town Meeting, 1978.

The Board's clerical workload was greatly reduced by the hiring in July of a clerk who tapes and transcribes the meetings; thus the Secretary of the Board is free to participate fully in the meetings.

There was a significant decrease in the number of applications for home occupations this year (9 as opposed to 16 in 1976). This may be due to the more stringent definition of Residential District Home Occupation in effect this year which precludes the sale of a commodity at the home.

The Board of Adjustment met 13 times during 1977 and heard 34 cases. The summary is as follows:

### Special Exceptions

Approved	9
Denied	3
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Total	12

### Variances

Approved	18
Denied	3
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Total	21

### Appeal from an Administrative Decision

Approved	1
Denied	0
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Total	1

Temporary Use Permits	None
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### Breakdown of Special Exceptions:

	Approved	Denied	Total
Home Occupations	6	3	9
Professional Offices	1	1	2
Approaches to Shopping Center	1	0	1

### Breakdown of Variances:

	Approved	Denied	Total
Lot Line/Setbacks	5	0	5
Structures within Watershed Protection Area	3	0	3
Apartments	2	0	2
Frontage Requirements	2	0	2
Veterinary Clinics	0	2	2
Common Signs	2	0	2
Addition to Non-conforming structure	1	0	1
Driveway through Wetland	1	0	1
Underground Utilities Requirement	0	1	1
Minimum Square Footage in Dwellings	1	0	1
Scenic Setback	1	0	1

The Board of Adjustment is concerned about the enforcement of the zoning regulations and hope that a more vigorous campaign will be initiated to enforce all sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted by the 1977

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Roger M. Brown, Chairman

Arnold C. Dickinson

Rosemary Daly, Secretary, appointed 12-12

Clark Stewart

Ralph Haskell

R. T. Steeves, resigned 11-1-77

C. Thomas Carson, resigned 11-17-77

# *Zoning Administrator's Report*

1977

It is the clear policy of the Zoning Administrator's office to obtain compliance with town ordinances.

Traditionally, the role of town government has been to provide a service to the citizens of the town. While it becomes apparent that tradition cannot always meet current needs, concerned citizens should examine with care changes which affect that policy.

Nineteen seventy-eight will bring improvement to services. The inspection of oil burners, places of assembly, the review of plans for compliance with Life Safety 101 Code will be assumed by the Zoning Administrator's office. Centralizing service is a means of maintaining efficiency.

The addition of part time secretarial help has insured more accurate and complete maintenance of vital records.

The format of the zoning ordinance will be worked on with a view towards making a more readable and more understandable document.

Recommended changes to Section 6-2, to be voted on at town meeting, seeking to clarify the wording of our zoning ordinance dealing with permits, will be of great assistance if adopted.

## **Report for the Year of 1977**

Permits Issued:	Quantity	Value
New Residences	101	\$6,491,660
Additions & Alterations	112	637,650
Com. & Ind. Bldgs.	10	707,000
Public Buildings	—	—
Garages & Barns	28	126,500
Utility Buildings	7	24,500
Signs	9	5,000
Pools	10	27,000
Home Occupations	3	—
Fences	7	5,100
Earth Removal	1	—
Septic Repairs	44	86,000
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Totals	332	\$8,110,410

	B.I.	Z.A.
Building Inspections:	2172	
Septic Inspections:	737	
Planning Board:	27	
Board of Adjustment:	6	
Violations:	35	
Total Inspections:	---	---
Combined Total:	2977*	

\*Does not include Z.A., Jan.-Apr. (not available)

# Report for the Year of 1977

	1975		1976		1977	
Permit Type:	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value	#	\$ Value
New Residences	97	4,113,230	180	8,500,000	101	6,491,660
Add. & Alt.	93	395,750	99	371,810	112	637,650
Com. & Ind.	5	308,000	11	675,450	10	707,000
Public Bldgs.	1	47,000	0	—	0	—
Gar. & Barns	21	86,900	14	68,500	28	126,500
Utility Bldgs.	12	6,250	14	50,765	7	24,500
Signs	17	2,920	13	2,890	9	5,000
Pools	16	45,000	20	77,900	10	27,000
Home Occup.	14	—	9	—	3	—
Fences	30	11,150	20	10,650	7	5,100
Earth Removal	3	—	2	—	1	—
Septic Repairs	48	38,750	42	43,810	44	36,000
New Septic	49	68,600	184	317,100		
Driveways	—	—	161	—		
Misc.	9	9,600	16	38,000		
Totals	415	5,138,150	785	10,156,875	332	8,110,410

# *Planning Board*

## 1977 YEAR END REPORT

1977 will certainly be seen by many as a historic year in the planning process for Amherst. Prior to the March town meeting there were extensive hearings and much heated debate about the proposed "point-quota" system of limiting growth in the area of single family residential development. This plan was defeated by a very narrow margin. The majority of the citizens who voted clearly indicated that control of single family residential growth was a prime concern. The Planning Board has taken this directive and we are currently considering alternate growth control methods including last year's submission. The Amherst Sounding Board has been reactivated and will be providing a great deal of input to the Board in this and other areas such as Open Space Development and multi-family housing.

The Planning Board is also considering the needs expressed in the Master Plan and by the current Sounding Board for a diversity of housing types to aid both younger and older citizens with few or no children to live in Amherst. A substantial concern which is being carefully examined is the area of economic impact on the town due to a lack of industrial tax base and the tax base provided by multi-family dwellings which may impact school expense to a lower degree than single family residence development. These areas of growth limitation and multi-family housing may be presented to the town at a special town meeting which is planned for this year.

Most of the changes to the Zoning Ordinance to be considered for this Town Meeting are refinements of current legislation or will correct areas which have caused problems in current Planning activity.

We sincerely hope that the town will continue to allow the Planning Board funding for the work which will be done over the next year which can be very crucial to the future of Amherst and its current and future citizens.

The on-going month to month duties of the Planning Board have continued at a strong pace and we have been greatly assisted in our work by more clearly defined allocations of town employed assistance in the persons of Mr. Russell Abbate, Zoning Administrator, and Ms. Nancy Humphrey, our secretary. With their assistance, that of the Sounding Board, and many other concerned citizens of Amherst we look forward to a very productive year in 1978.

ROGER SMITH, Chairman  
ROBERT CROUTER, Vice Chairman  
JAMES SHILDNECK, Secretary  
ROBERT SUOMALA  
SCOTT SUTHERLAND  
CHARLES VARS  
SAM KLEIN, ex-officio  
DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD, alternate  
FRED PORTER, alternate

## *Amherst Conservation Commission*

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The Amherst Conservation Commission has just completed another busy, productive and interesting year.

The Commission continues to work diligently on its review of all dredge and fill applications and in its advisory capacity to the State's Water Resources Board and the Town's Selectmen. While the Conservation Commission continues to be very concerned with violations of our wetland ordinance, we recognize the Town's need for a dredge and fill ordinance of its own. We hope to rectify this problem in a very short time. Our concerns are legitimate. In dealing with the individual violations, we, at the same time, are very aware of the accumulative effect. We feel preventive action would be far less costly than corrective measures.

Our sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 22 has been rewarding to all. Help was given by the boys in the areas of trail maintenance, clearing the wildflower garden area, and the planting of the many trees and shrubs throughout the Conservation lands. Future activities include continued trail maintenance, the building of bird houses and the establishment of a bluebird trail in Amherst. The Amherst Conservation Commission has worked with the boys in conservation and environmental science merit badge activities.

The Conservation Commission again sponsored attendance to the Conservation Summer Camp run by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Wilkins School art teacher Jo An Tyrrell and student Cynthia Beckley attended this year.

As many may have noticed, the old Scout bridge was washed away last spring. A new bridge was designed and built by the Commission.

A great deal of work was also done in the area of the wildflower garden. As it was necessary to use a bulldozer to help with the opening up of the area and the making of a new woods road, we ask that you bear with us during the "rough-looking" stage.

Plantings have been made in other areas of the Conservation Commission lands. Black Walnut and Balsam Fir trees were planted in the Plumb Memorial Forest. Flowering Dogwood, Bloodtwig Dogwood and a variety of other

shrubs and trees conducive to wildlife were planted in the Joe English Reservation. It was not an uncommon sight to see certain members of the Conservation Commission trudging into the forest with their pails of water to attend to the approximately 190 new trees.

Bird watchers should plan to visit the Minot J. Ross Bird Sanctuary, Thornton's Ferry Road No. 1. Numerous species have been spotted, including the Pileated Woodpecker.

A "Conservation Handbook" was completed in 1977 by the Commission. Our handbook is graced with beautiful drawings by Abbott Cheever. A very special thank-you to Mr. Cheever for the many hours of work involved. His renderings of favorite views are greatly appreciated. In addition to maps of conservation lands and general information regarding the Commission, the handbook also contains valuable information on land use control. Various forms of conservation agreements are described. Interested persons should contact any member of the Conservation Commission for further information and help in the implementing of such agreements. The handbook is available at either the Town Hall or the Town Library.

The Amherst Conservation Commission is establishing a program in Amherst to help control the Dutch Elm disease. An instructional program will be held in the spring. The necessary equipment would then be loaned to interested persons while a nominal fee will be charged for the chemical solution.

Procedures to declare a portion of the New Hampshire Satellite Tracking Annex as excess land were begun in 1977, and ensuing activities kept your Commission busy. It was late in November before the Commission learned from Congressman James Cleveland that the Air Force Systems Command had determined that the 2,200 acres should not be exceded. We appreciate all the time and effort Congressman Cleveland gave to our many inquiries.

The Commission has also been instrumental in the establishment of a club to promote a greater use of the Conservation Commission lands. We continue to encourage hikers, snowshoers and cross-country skiers to use our lands.

Last winter we held a very successful cookout at a point overlooking the pond. Similar activities will be held again this winter. Different locations will be selected with the



idea of acquainting people with the Conservation Commission lands.

This year the Amherst Conservation Commission is again requesting \$25,000 to be used in land acquisition. The Commission is interested in acquiring any appropriate parcel of land in Town. However, many of these are only available at very high costs. All potential purchases are carefully checked and appraised by certified appraisers. Any bids on land are made only after this careful scrutiny and approval by the Selectmen. While we were again unsuccessful in acquiring land between Joe English and the Plumb Memorial Forest, the Amherst Conservation Commission will continue with our efforts on this and other acquisitions and activities that would benefit the Town, its citizens and conservation.

E. ALICE ARNOLD, Chairman  
ELISABETH BARRETT  
WILLIAM GOODWILL  
HERBERT HARDING  
CHARLES TIEDEMANN  
WALLACE WARREN  
WILLIAM WEATHERBEE

## *Amherst Recreation Commission*

In 1977 the Amherst Recreation Commission continued to strive to meet the ever increasing demands for recreational activities and programs within the community.

As a prime example, in 1977 there were 273 or 29% more registrations for youth sports programs than in 1976; Basketball 178 (plus 17), Softball 124 (plus 28), Soccer 243 (plus 116), and Baseball 390 (plus 112). A new program of summer instructional baseball organized by some of the spring coaches attracted over 60 young players. All of these programs are destined to grow much larger in 1978.

Adult programs for men and women in basketball, volleyball, and softball were well accepted. One hundred eighty-two men, women, and children took advantage of spring, summer, and fall tennis instruction sponsored by the ARC.

Improvements in town facilities initiated by past and present Recreation Commissions are to be noted. The new Middle School tennis courts were completed in time for a full season of play by residents of the neighborhood. Thanks to generous contributions by the Rotary and Lions clubs, a program of backstop construction on town fields was started. The Jaycees labored in the spring to get some of them up for use in 1977.

Under the able direction of Rita Harden, a program of Children's Theatre was started in 1977. Over 40 area youths staged two productions for the benefit of the ARC. In the spring and fall close to 400 people attended three performances of the plays at the Middle School and Wilkins School.

The Adult Education program administered by the Recreation Commission had a highly successful first year of operation. During three 1977 sessions, 345 adults enrolled in 41 courses taught by 21 instructors.

A total of 1228 individuals representing 359 families purchased season passes for Baboosic Lake Park. Daily guest fees were paid by 1011 additional beach goers. A total of 516 (plus 10%) children registered for swimming lessons conducted by six qualified instructors on the 1977 staff.

Extracurricular activities at the beach saw 95 children register for the Pavilion Arts & Crafts program. A similar program in the village attracted 45 additional participants. Fifty-seven boys and girls of all ages swam on the Baboosic

Lake Swim Team. New equipment at the beach last summer included swim lane markers, turning boards, grove picnic tables, life guard boat, diving board, and indoor tables for the Pavilion which were assembled with the help of the Amherst Fire Department.

The Commission foresees a number of objectives for 1978:

1) To work closely and in cooperation with the Jaycees and other civic organizations to coordinate efforts to improve town fields and facilities used for recreational purposes.

2) To further initiate and develop programs which will allow more recreational and leisure time activities, particularly in the area of adult sports.

3) To set forth long and short range plans for the repair and maintenance of the Baboosic Lake Pavilion and equipment utilized throughout the Park facility.

4) To find new and better methods to communicate and publicize ARC programs so that more residents will participate in recreational activities in the community.

5) To further establish and maintain the Commission's basic philosophy that those who choose to become involved in recreational programs and activities shall be assured the opportunity to participate regardless of abilities.

The basis of Amherst's recreation programs is parental help; mothers and fathers who volunteer their time, effort, and expertise to work in activities. Coupling that with the cooperation and helping hands extended by the Amherst School Board, school administrators, school custodians, Amherst Highway Department, Amherst Town Library, Town Hall personnel, and the Board of Selectmen, to all we say thank you very much.

SUSAN KIERSTEAD (Chairman)

JACK MAGILL

STEVE OAKS

MARY SPARKS

CARL WHEELER

Amherst Recreation Commission

## *Department of Civil Preparedness*

The Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) was in operation twice this year. The first time in March when many areas of Amherst were flooded. More than 50 people were assisted.

The second time occurred when an ice storm knocked out the electricity in most of the town, some areas were out for more than 72 hours. Over 300 telephone calls for assistance and information were received by the E.O.C. in 48 hours. A shelter was opened at the school where over 40 people were fed, and several people were put up for the night. Arrangements were made to house over 30 people — some for three nights. The E.O.C. worked with the Public Service Co. to help get electrical power restored to the sick and elderly. Messages from out-of-town relatives were delivered to homes whose telephones were out of order.

As a result of the power failure, the Department of Civil Preparedness has found the need for shelter supplies (food, bedding, and cots) to be stored in town. Also, the need for portable electric power and lights was demonstrated.

We have received a truck from the state civil preparedness office and will have a portable electric unit in service in 1978.

I wish to thank all the people and town departments for their help.

ROY E. MASTON, Director, Civil Preparedness

## *Amherst Rescue Squad*

During 1977 the Rescue Squad answered a total of 319 calls, an increase of 5% over 1976. The opening of the Milford Medical Center and a significant decrease in serious automobile accidents were most important in keeping the increase in calls so low. Now that the impact of the Medical Center has been felt, it is anticipated that calls will increase, at lease in proportion to population increase.

### 1977 Rescue Quad Calls

Highway Accidents	34
Other Accidents	59
Illnesses	126
Miscellaneous	100
Persons transported to hospitals	281
Persons assisted	293
Calls to Mont Vernon	34

Squad membership now stands at 48, of whom 33 are Emergency Medical Technicians and 15 are American Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care trained. All Squad members must complete a CPR course annually in addition to their regular training.

The Squad presently has a limited number of openings for new members and any interested town resident should contact a squad member for information.

Over 1000 hours of uncompensated time per person are contributed by members each year. In addition to providing emergency medical service for Amherst and Mont Vernon, the Squad vehicles and personnel stand by at Amherst Patriots football games and other public events such as the 4th of July Celebration. The Squad conducts blood pressure clinics, assists in manning disaster shelters when needed, and demonstrates the ambulances and equipment to school children and other interested groups. Finally, Squad members who are Red Cross Volunteer Instructors have taught over 150 Amherst residents CPR and first aid.

Through contributions from concerned citizens and a federal grant, the Squad acquired a Hurst Rescue Tool early in 1977. To date, this tool has been used twice, once at an

automobile-motorcycle accident in Amherst and once at an auto accident in Bedford where the Squad was called for mutual aid.

This year the Squad is asking the Town to replace the oldest of its two ambulances, a 1972 van converted to a combination ambulance-rescue truck, with a modular ambulance capable of carrying our rescue equipment. With the acquisition of additional rescue equipment including the Hurst Tool, space for patient and attendants in the van has reached a critical point. The interior of the vehicle is now overcrowded with inadequate space for good patient care and the vehicle suspension is severely taxed by the combined weight of equipment and people.

Quarters for the Squad must be the next consideration in improving its ability to provide service. The Fire Department requires the space now occupied by the ambulance for its front line fire trucks; and garaging of the ambulances in two locations creates scheduling and manning problems. Presently there are inadequate facilities for training and equipment and supply storage and office space for record storage and administrative work is non-existent. Finally, the present location of the primary ambulance in the village center creates an unnecessary traffic hazard for responding rescue squad personnel and the general public alike.

There is no charge for any person receiving care from the Squad in Amherst or Mont Vernon and because of this, the service is for emergencies ONLY.

GUSTAV JUST, Chief, Amherst Rescue Squad

## *July Fourth Committee*

After the Bicentennial events of 1976, the Committee decided to continue its endeavors to make July 4th an exciting patriotic holiday for all. A reviewing stand was an added feature which enhanced the parade route.

A band concert by the Nevers Band of Concord, N. H. delighted all those who remained after the parade to see it.

Respectfully,

ANN CONNELL BERGIN, Chairwoman

RAY NOLAN

DORIS NOLAN

RALPH HASKELL

WILLIAM LANGILLE

JUSTINA STALEY

KATIE LEIBOWITZ

JOANNE LAYCHAK

THERESA KELLEY

PAM POIRER

ORSON BRAGDON

PETER BERGIN

EMILE POIRER

RICHARD NEWBERT

REV. ARNOLD JOHNSON

## *Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee*

The Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee completed its four-year program in 1977. During the past year, we continued selling patches, medallions with our logo, an updated commemorative town history and glass plaques. Work is still in progress on recording those buried at the Town Hall Cemetery.

We on the Committee have accomplished the sale of patches, medallions, booklets, stationery, printed a walking tour of the village, obtained 2700 signatures on scrolls which are now part of the archives at Valley Forge, sponsored dances and Arts and Crafts shows.

Our biggest and lasting projects were the mapping and recording of the Town Hall Burial Ground and landscaping the World War I Common. These are lasting memorials to those past citizens of Amherst.

The Committee would like to thank all officials and citizens who have helped to make these past four years such a success for our undertakings. A special appreciation is extended to all committee members for their untiring efforts toward this celebration of our country's Bicentennial, and we hope this will prove to be a model for Amherst's future.

THOMAS P. GRELLA, Chairman

Joseph Hoag  
Kathy MaGill  
Dorothy Davis  
Audrey Spalding  
Hon. Nelle Holmes  
Rosamond Buchanan  
Mary Steeves

Theresa Greenblatt  
Effa Wishart  
Hon. G. Winthrop Brown  
Robert Wishart  
Joyce Kenne  
Peter Bergin  
Edwin F. Locke



## NASHUA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

During the twelve month period of October, 1976 through September, 1977 there were 78 Amherst residents provided with Mental Health Services from Community Council. Of these, 36 were new admissions, 2.9 per cent of the total new admissions served during the period. These 36 new Amherst admissions showed a 9.1 per cent increase over the 1976 twelve month period and showed a 9.1 per cent increase over 1975.

While Amherst residents represent 2.9 per cent of clinic clients, Amherst residents represent 6.5 per cent of the population of Community Council's catchment area.

Cost to provide outpatient services was \$34.82 per patient per direct service hour. Average number of outpatient visits per admission was eight. Average outpatient fee charged to Amherst residents where insurance would not cover was \$11.23 per patient per direct service hour. Total cost for providing Amherst residents with 288 direct service outpatient hours was \$10,028.16.

Two Amherst residents received inpatient care for a total of seven inpatient days. Cost to this program for these services was \$282.57.

No Amherst residents required services of Community Council Partial Hospitalization Program.

Although no demographic breakdown of Emergency Program exists estimates project 2.9 per cent of the total number of people requiring this service come from Amherst. Assumption is made on the basis of overall patient participation from Amherst on the Community Council's population. Projected cost of this service is \$1,859.47.

### Summary

Adult & Children Outpatient Services	\$10,028 16
Inpatient Services	282 57
Partial Hospitalization Services	0 00
Emergency Services	1,859 47

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Total Cost for Amherst	\$12,170 20
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Plus 6 per cent inflation rate equals cost to provide these same services in 1977-1978 equivalent period of \$12,900.41.

## *Soubegan Nursing Association*

The services of the Nursing Association are available to all persons in the three communities of Amherst, Milford and Mont Vernon, regardless of their ability to pay. 515 nursing visits have been made to 254 Amherst residents so far, this year.

Skilled Nursing Care is given in the home with physicians' orders. Visits are also made to new mothers and handicapped persons. The care of the sick is taught to responsible family members.

Office visits may be made at the Association's building on the North River Road, in Milford, for blood pressure checks and injections, ordered by a physician. These visits are scheduled between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling to make an appointment.

Immunization clinics are held once a month, free of charge. The supplies are furnished by the State Department of Health and Welfare. 23 Amherst children have received immunizations this year. A Well-Child clinic is held on the same day. Appointments are made for the child to be seen by a pediatrician, if the family is financially eligible. Thirteen Amherst children are enrolled in our Well-Child clinic program. Referrals are made to Crippled Children's Services, or to other Physicians, when necessary.

Dental clinics are held here twice yearly. These are co-sponsored by the State Bureau of Dental Health. Fifty Amherst children were screened this year.

A Pre-School Physical clinic is held yearly, for children who will be entering kindergarten and first grade.

Blood pressures are checked, the last Thursday of the month, at the Elderly Nutrition Meals, on Elm Street, Milford.

Hospital equipment is loaned, free of charge, to anyone needing same, in the three-town area.

(Mrs.) MARION JACKSON, R.N., Director

## *Amberst Town Government Study Committee Report*

The Government Study Committee is charged with a continuing study of all phases of town government and making recommendations to the Town Meeting as appropriate.

This year the committee has but two recommendations — approval of Articles 17 and 5.

We believe it to be in the best interests of the town to go on a fiscal year the same as the school district, that is, July 1 to June 30. This Article as presented by the Board of Selectmen has the committee approval. We believe a 3-year term of office for the Town Treasurer consistent with other similar offices.

This committee is continuing to study several aspects of our town government. The following are listed in order of importance as perceived by this committee:

First, the town Planning Board's Master Plan, specifically what it is, is it being enforced, and are there continuous efforts to update it? Our committee needs more time to review this area of the Planning Board's work.

Second: The need for a full-time Administrative Assistant for overall management of the town offices. Or has the town grown to the point of needing to consider a Town Manager type of town government? Has the expansion of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members proved worthwhile and has the increase resulted in "departmentalization," that is, each member of the Board specializing in activities of a town department to save time for the Board?

Third: The possible over-lapping of committee responsibilities. As committees increase in number it appears the responsibilities of each committee should periodically be reviewed. For instance, the Ways and Means Committee is now charged with reviewing and making recommendations to the Town and School Meetings on all Articles in both warrants whether or not they pertain to finances. This, in effect, performs a kind of audit of all town departments, but it also duplicates the work of other committees. Per-

haps, the Ways and Means Committee should be limited to reviewing department financing and Articles in the Town Warrant that involve money.

The committee continues to meet with town officers and committees to study and discuss possibilities of improving our system of town government based on the experience of the many people active in running the machinery of the town, those working full time, part time, and those serving on a volunteer basis. This committee owes much for the cooperation and help received from all.

DONALD H. DAVIS, Chairman  
INGRID E. MICHAELIS, Secretary  
EVELYN B. DUDLEY  
BURTON S. KNIGHT  
PAUL L. SAVAGE

## *Soubegan Regional Landfill District*

All collection sites and the landfill were in full operation for the entire year 1977.

We had some inquiries from other municipalities to join the District and some private haulers have asked for permission to use the landfill on a fee basis. At year's end no agreement had been made with anyone.

While we have no immediate need to open up additional sections of the landfill, we are proceeding with engineering work to help us determine as accurately as possible the remaining life of our present landfill.

At the present time the member towns, on a voluntary basis, are recycling newsprint, tires and large metal items. At Amherst we have started the recycling of glass bottles. Everything that is recycled saves that much space in the landfill and extends its life and this is of concern to all residents of all member towns. The District Committee urges increased effort on the part of everyone toward maximum recycling.

A more immediate problem with the sending towns is the transportation and processing of seven days' refuse in two days. As all of the towns grow, this problem becomes acute as the volume of refuse increases. Habits of long standing have made Saturday and Sunday the days to take the refuse of a full week to the "dump." When "all" of us are doing this it results in a larger and larger mountain of material to be moved. The District has enough equipment and manpower to handle two to three times the present volume of refuse if the refuse were brought to the "dump" throughout the week instead of concentrated in two days. The District will make some suggestions on the solution to this problem but it will probably call for us to change some of our long established habits. We know we can count on all of you to cooperate in this change which will enable us to continue to operate on an economical basis.

## *Highway Safety Committee*

The Amherst Highway Safety Committee consists of the following members:

John T. Osborn, Jr. — Chief of Police  
Marshall Strickland — Fire Chief  
Roy Maston — Civil Preparedness  
Gustav Just — Chief, Rescue Squad  
Bert McGill — Selectman  
Robert H. Prew — Citizen  
Richard G. Crocker — Road Agent  
Ronald Pomerleau — School Board Member

Although this committee meets on an as required basis, it serves a very important function.

1. Complaints and/or suggestions relative to signs, speed or other highway safety projects are referred to this committee. They are reviewed and recommendations or solutions forwarded to the appropriate agency for action.

2. Utilizing the MR-7 moving radar the Police Department, working in conjunction with and funded by the N.H. Highway Safety Agency, participated in the STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) during the summer and the month of December. This was instrumental in the dramatic reduction of accidents.

3. It was the action of this committee which resulted in the interim rerouting of the 101-A and 122 traffic pattern. Some may not be convinced but it has proven to be safer.

4. The latest information received from the Department of Public Works and Highways is that the project to re-do the 101-A and 122 bottleneck is funded and scheduled during Fiscal year 1979.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chairman

# *Road Commission Report*

1977

The Road Commission has been working with the Highway Agent in the planning of the various programs of the Amherst Highway Department. In 1978 Amherst will receive some \$58,000.00 from the Gas Subsidy Program. With this sum it is planned to rebuild or up-grade portions of five roads in different parts of town.

The new bridge on Boston Post Road South over the Souhegan River is now a reality, and none too soon. During the disassembly of the old bridge, the deterioration was greater than believed.

The Commission with the Highway Agent are continually making inspections of the new roads being built in town. These roads are being constructed according to the Road Building Specifications adopted in 1971. A minimum of four inspections are required during the various phases of construction.

The Road Commission with the Highway Agent and a representative from the Board of Selectmen holds five regularly scheduled meetings a year. These meetings are held at the Town Barn on the third Thursday of every other month starting in April at 7 p.m.

MERIC G. ARNOLD, Chairman  
EVERETT A. LEACH  
HAROLD C. WARNER

## *Selectmen's Narrative*

1977 marked the second year that the Selectmen operated as a five member Board, with Bert McGill and Sam Klein newly elected.

In an effort to spread the work load and to improve the Board's contact with Departments and Commissions, each Selectman was assigned an area of responsibility. The results to date indicate that this was a step in the right direction.

In many ways 1977 has been a year of concern as to the results that Federal, State, and County legislation might have on local government and its costs as reflected in terms of higher local taxes.

The Selectmen met several times with our local Representatives and Senator to express their concern on pending legislation and to seek their support.

Unfortunately by the time the State legislature and the County government finalized their respective budgets, towns and cities were forced to borrow additional funds, since they were unable to send out tax bills. This delay in getting out tax bills cost the Town of Amherst between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00 in extra interest charges.

Citizen concern for growth and how to control it, is an area in which there are diversified opinions, as to why and how it may best be accomplished.

The final determination as to where and how such controls may or should be applied should not be made in haste, and without weighing the impact of the possibility of substantial capital expenditures to meet school needs which to date appear to be unresolved.

The construction of a new bridge on Boston Post Road South over the Souhegan River became an accomplished fact in 1977 at a total cost of \$152,334.61, which was \$7,695.39 less than the total appropriation and is earmarked to complete approaches. It was fortunate that the decision was made to replace the bridge in 1977, since it became evident as work progressed that the bridge had deteriorated far beyond a safety point.

The next bridge project is scheduled for 1978 and calls



for the replacement of the bridge No. 177/108 on Merri-mack Road over Beaver Brook. This project is a must in the interest of safety to citizens and vehicles. This bridge was pointed out in 1970 by the State bridge engineers to be in need of major repairs and realignment of approaches.

Preliminary estimates to replace the bridge and realign the approaches are set at \$148,000. It is the recommendation of the Selectmen that the project be financed with short term notes over a period of three years.

Over the past 10 years the growth of the Town has been absorbed in a manner that has not placed an undue stress on the town tax rate.

Each year the preparation of the town budget brings to light the pressure of growth, the pressure of inflation, the pressure of obsolescence, and the pressure of groups. By Statute it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to prepare the Annual Town Budget. Its preparation requires considerable time on the part of Department Heads, Committees and Commissions and a review in detail by the Selectmen before final approval for submission to voters.

Such reviews weigh the justification of the proposals in terms of needs to provide for minimal efficient service, growth, the impact of inflationary pressures, the need to provide for obsolescence, for proper maintenance of highways, equipment and town buildings and to insure fair working conditions and competitive remuneration for employees.

It also becomes important to weigh the priority of needs as between essential services as performed by various departments and those services or proposals which may be desirable but not essential to health and welfare, safety, or convenience of the citizens.

The need for improved and adequate facilities for the Rescue Squad and the Police Department has been evident for several years and in 1978 it becomes important that steps be taken to start to correct the situation. It is important that a suitable piece of land be acquired and that preliminary engineering work be done so that proper applications can be submitted to secure Federal and/or State funds or both.

The operation of local government is unique in that the

responsibility for its day to day Administration is charged to the elected officials who must operate within the framework of legislative mandated powers; granted either directly or via action of the Annual or Special Town Meeting. This quite frequently leaves the elected official in a position of limited or no power at all in some circumstances. This often results in frustration on the part of all concerned.

The Board extends its full appreciation to all employees, department heads, committees and commission members, other officers and to those volunteer members of the Fire and Rescue Squads for their contribution to our community.

EDWARD C. MASTEN, Chairman

# *Amherst Village District Warrant*

**The State of New Hampshire**

**The polls will be open at 8:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in

## **DISTRICT AFFAIRS**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the 17th day of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray district charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the District will give the Commissioners and District Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of District Taxes.
4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 28th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE  
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD  
CARL E. DOANE

Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE  
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD  
CARL E. DOANE

Commissioners of Amherst Village District

## *Amherst Village District*

Due to the major facility upgrading program undertaken in the past several years, no widespread inconveniences to the 239 subscribers was encountered. We did however, experience some localized problems caused by the record breaking cold weather in January when the frost depth exceeded 5 feet. These three freeze-ups as well as four service entrance failures which occurred at other times of the year were extremely well handled by our Superintendent John Hanlon and Assistant Superintendent Howard Boothroyd. All subscribers should be aware that the repair of any failure from the curb stop (the shut off valve located at the property line) to the house is the responsibility of the subscriber.

It is with great reluctancy that the Commissioners have accepted the resignation of Kay Kruger as the Clerk and Treasurer as of December 31, 1977. Kay has been closely associated with the Amherst Village District since its inception. She has held an official position of Clerk-Treasurer for the past nine years. All of us who have worked with her know of her devotion and deep concern for the District and its subscribers.

Mrs. Bernice Boothroyd has been appointed to fill the vacated position.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER O. TOPLIFFE, Chairman  
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD  
CARL E. DOANE

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

# *Amberst Village District*

## *Balance Sheet*

**December 31, 1977**

### ASSETS

Capital Reserve	\$ 5,847.82	
Cash on Hand	4,163.99	
Accounts receivable incl. 12-31-76 bills	5,297.56	
Bonds	100.00	
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	\$15,409.37	\$15,409.37
Water System:		
Land & Buildings	\$ 25,000.00	
Well, Pump, Control Equip.		
Mains & Tank, Tools Etc.	250,000.00	
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	\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
Total Assets		<hr/> \$290,409.37

### LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	\$15,000.00	
Excess of assets over liabilities		\$275,409.37

# *Amberst Village District*

## *Budget*

**Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the coming year  
January 1 to December 31, 1978**

**Estimates and Actual Receipts and Expenditures for the previous year  
January 1 to December 31, 1977**

ACCOUNT	1977 Estimated	1977 Received	1978 Estimated
Cash on Hand	\$ 690.96	\$ 4,163.99	\$ 500.00
Capital Reserve	7,741.73	5,847.82	10,000.00
Stock Manchester Bank	500.00	100.00	100.00
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Income Water Service	\$ 8,932.69	\$10,111.81	\$10,600.00
Prior 4th quarter	\$ 5,246.63	\$ 5,003.07	\$ 5,297.56
1st 3 quarters	5,100.00	4,695.29	5,000.00
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Other Income	\$10,346.63	\$ 9,698.36	\$10,297.56
Hydrant Rental	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 1,755.00
Precinct Tax	4,862.12	4,862.12	**3,148.44
Interest	500.00	361.63	500.00
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	\$ 7,117.12	\$ 6,978.75	\$ 5,403.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$26,396.44</b>	<b>\$26,788.92</b>	<b>\$26,301.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	393.75	393.75	281.00
Supt. Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Ass't Supt. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Clerk-Treas. Salary	1,000.00	1,747.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector's Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Auditors	20.00	20.00	100.00
Meters	600.00	712.50	600.00
Utilities	3,600.00	2,776.15	3,000.00
Operating Sup. Main.	3,500.00	2,803.79	2,500.00
Office Supplies	400.00	212.42	250.00
Insurance	350.00	307.00	250.00
Water Testing State Lab	0.00	0.00	120.00
Legal Fee	0.00	104.50	0.00
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	\$17,463.75	\$16,677.11	\$15,701.00
Cash on Hand	690.96	4,163.99	500.00
Stock	500.00	100.00	100.00
Capital Reserve	7,741.73	5,847.82	10,000.00
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$26,396.44</b>	<b>\$26,788.92</b>	<b>\$26,301.00</b>

\*\*To be raised by taxation on the property within the precinct.

## *Synopsis of Town Meeting* *March 8, 1977*

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilkins School.

Ballot clerks were Elizabeth Wight, Marjorie Drobat, Marion Sortevik, Lillian Anderson, Barbara Wight, Ella Ruggerio, Cynthia Kennedy, Evelyn Dudley, Josephine Young.

Giving assistance to voters were Allen Howard and Herman Anderson. Moderator Wight, Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd, School Clerk Louise Ainsworth and Barbara Landry had charge of the voting. Selectmen Edward Masten, Francis Perry and Robert Lown, also Ann Snow and Thomas Grella, were present during the voting hours. Supervisors of the check list were Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart.

The total ballots cast were 1773.

Results of the election were:

Selectman, Bert McGill, 3 years  
Selectman, Samuel Klein, 3 years  
Town Clerk, Bernice G. Boothroyd, 1 year  
Tax Collector, Barbara H. Landry, 3 years  
Treasurer, Marion M. Sortevik, 1 year  
Road Agent, Richard G. Crocker, 1 year  
Trustee of Trust Funds, David Ramsay, 3 years  
Trustee of Trust Funds, Raymond B. Woolson, 2 years  
Trustee of Library, Lucy Ramsay, 3 years  
Trustee of Library, JoAnn Just, 3 years  
Board of Adjustment, Arnold Dickinson, 5 years  
Auditor, Orson Bragdon, 1 year  
Auditor, Garrett Cowenhaven, 1 year

### **Summary of Meeting**

Articles 1 through 4 and Article 20 were by ballot voting during the day.

Article 1. Election of Officers as stated above.

Article 2. Amendment 1. To limit the number of building permits that will be issued during any one year for new single family dwelling units.

YES — 1083                      NO — 618

Amendment 2. To provide sign regulations for the Northern Rural and Transition District.

YES — 1189                      NO — 444

Amendment 3. To change certain areas along Rt. 101-A to "Commercial District", "Industrial District", and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District" and "Industrial District".

YES — 1039                      NO — 612

Amendment 4. To add a new definition describing a Residential District Home Occupation.

YES — 1033                      NO — 602

Amendment 5. To enlarge the "Watershed Protection Area" by adding thereto all land within 50 feet of the "Wetland Conservation District" and all land within the "Floodplain Conservation District" and also to allow the erection of certain appropriate structures within the "Watershed Protection Area".

YES — 1224

NO — 369

Amendment 6. (by Petition) No sign which offers property for sale or for rent, or which indicates that property has been sold may remain on the property and visible following forty-eight (48) hours after the closing has occurred or rental occupancy has begun.

YES — 707

NO — 944

Amendment 7. (by Petition) To change the area designated on property map No. 6 as 57-1 from "Rural" to "Commercial" District as defined in said zoning ordinance.

YES — 369

NO — 1232

Article 3. (by Petition) To change the term of the Town Clerk from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the Town Clerk to be elected at the next year's regular Town Meeting.

YES — 1270

NO — 387

Article 4. To compensate the Town Clerk on an annual salary basis in lieu of statutory fees.

YES — 1345

NO — 269

Article 6. Voted to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$875,268.39 for town charges.

Article 7. Voted to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds for the use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated:

Planning Board	\$ 2,130.00
Zoning Department	3,500.00
Mapping and Surveying	2,000.00
Town Library	2,000.00
Town Office Expense	1,200.00
Fire Department	5,130.00
Rescue Squad	415.00
Police Department	7,989.00
Baboosic Lake Park	2,200.00
Town Hall	3,500.00
Highway Department	7,600.00

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\$37,664.00

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,200.00 to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the Provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Article 9. Voted to change the procedure of auditing accounts of any and all fiscal agents of the Town from local elected auditors to the procedure of annual audit by the employment of a certified public accountant and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to



cover same. Also voted to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund. The years 1976 and 1977 to be covered by the above amount.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to construct a new fire exit for the second floor of the Town Hall and authorize the withdrawal of this amount from Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$16,125.00 to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to provide for the orderly replacement of special Highway Equipment such as sanders, plows, tractors, etc., other than Motor Vehicles and Highway Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from surplus for the purpose of providing the necessary funds and that the Selectmen be directed to carry out the intent of this Article.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,324.00 to acquire a Hurst Tool for the Amherst Rescue Squad and to take the necessary steps to apply for and to receive a grant from the N.H. Highway Safety Agency for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,662.00 and the balance of \$2,662.00 to be reimbursed thru a gift in like amount from Amherst Rescue Squad.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 to cover the cost of the construction of a new bridge to replace the present bridge No. 93-130 spanning the Souhegan River on Boston Post Rd. South and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000.00 from the surplus account for the purpose of providing part of the necessary funds, the balance of said funds required to be raised from taxes in the amount of \$60,000.00 and to further authorize the Selectmen to apply for Federal Aid Off Systems Funds and such other Federal Aid or grants as are applicable.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$935.00 to be expended by the Bicentennial Commission to complete the 1976 local Bicentennial Celebration.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring a tract of land abutting the Village Cemetery of which \$10,000.00 shall be withdrawn from Cemetery Funds, the balance of \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxes and that said amount of \$5,000.00 shall be repaid to the Town from Cemetery Income Funds over a period of five years.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to create a conservation fund consistent with NHRSA 36A:5 to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion for the preservation of open space and recreational uses and such other purposes as are consistent with NHRSA 36-A.

Article 17. Voted NOT TO authorize the mailing of annual Town Report to each property owner.

Article 18. (by Petition) Passed over.

Article 19. Voted to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing to become effective 1978.

Hand Vote      YES — 180                      NO — 151

Article 20. Voted to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for a

property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the value of the solar heating and cooling system.

YES — 987

NO — 615

Article 21. Voted NOT TO authorize the Selectmen to sell three parcels of land identified as Lot No. 5-65/1, size 3 acres; Lot 8-38, size 2 acres; and Lot 4-16, size 1 acre, acquired by tax collector's deed.

Article 22. (by Petition) Passed over.

Article 23. Voted to adopt a dog leash law with the following amendment: This Ordinance shall become effective June 1, 1977 instead of April 1, 1977.

Hand vote YES — 166

NO — 107

Moderator Wight read the following resolution — Resolved that the Citizens of Amherst strongly request that the land now part of the U.S. Satellite Tracking Station, situated within the Town of Amherst, having been declared surplus by the U.S. Air Force, be returned to the Town of Amherst.

Retiring Selectmen Francis M. Perry and Robert Lown received a standing round of applause.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m. Tallying continued until 1:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

## *Synopsis of Special Town Meeting May 10, 1977*

RE: Fire Truck and Fire Alarm System for  
South Amherst Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Moderator Wight read from the Book of Psalms, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen Masten, Grella, Klein, McGill and Selectwoman Snow were present. Approximately 55 citizens attended the meeting. Supervisors of the checklist were also in attendance.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of Thirty-three Thousand Four Hundred (\$33,400) dollars to purchase a new fire truck to replace Engine No. 4 and to authorize the withdrawal of said Thirty-three Thousand Four Hundred (\$33,400) dollars from the fire truck capital reserve fund to provide the funds to pay for the same.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven Hundred (\$2700) dollars to pay the cost of installing a protective fire alarm system in the South Amherst Fire Station and to authorize the withdrawal of said money from surplus for providing the necessary funds.

A voice vote was taken for each article.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

May 11, 1977

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N.H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date and Place	Name of Bride and Groom	Name of Officiant
Jan. 22, Merrimack	Michael Francis Mullan Carol Therese Vachon	Rev. James Watson
Feb. 14, Amherst	Jeremy F. Gilmore Susan T. Halias	Edmund J. Boutin Justice of Peace
Feb. 26, Amherst	Jeffrey Alan Snay Susan E. O'Keefe	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of Peace
Mar. 12, Milford	Richard Rocco Riccitelli Janet Mary Trombly	Edna M. Bianchi Justice of Peace
Apr. 1, Amherst	Peter Robert Somers Rhonda Ruth Mason	Raymond J. Demers Justice of Peace
Apr. 29, Milford	Steven Robert Drouin Joan B. Therrien	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
May 6, Milford	James Richard Dupell Joyce Dianne Roby	Rev. Craig H. Richards
May 21, Milford	Edwin Ralph Salisbury Linda Nancy Roberts	Edna M. Bianchi Justice of Peace
June 4, Mont Vernon	Daniel Raymond Roby Mauricina Joan Caldwell	Rev. Richard J. Tulip
June 11, Amherst	Roger C. Cady Mary L. Diamond	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
June 25, Manchester	Richard M. Hanson Lillian C. Goodrow	Patricia Ramos Brien Justice of Peace
July 9, New Boston	Ronald Albert Maas Lisa Ann Bouchard	Dr. Andrew D. Tempelman
July 16, Milford	Russell James Works Ellen Mary Threlfall	Rev. William B. Wylie
July 22, Nashua	Garry Allen Duguay Victoria Elizabeth Bloomfield	John W. Wilcox Justice of Peace
July 23, Dublin	Michael T. Reynolds Priscilla M. Pixley	Rev. Denis F. Horan
July 30, Milford	Frederick C. Murch Kim I. Mercier	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Aug. 6, Merrimack	David Brian Foulkes Sandra Linda Gelinas	Dr. David A. Kerr
Aug. 6, Amherst	Scott A. Hall Linette A. McInnis	Rev. Craig H. Richards
Aug. 20, Amherst	Roland Boyden Robertson Pamela Ackerman Monty	Francis W. Gray Justice of Peace
Aug. 27, Manchester	William Riehl Anne Norred	Rev. A. Edward Dougherty
Sept. 10, Amherst	Donald Charles Grant Beatrice May Bartosiewicz	Rev. John Ward
Sept. 10, Milford	Peter Mark Zahn Claudia Marie Copertino	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry
Sept. 20, Amherst	Clifford Henry Hopkins Constance Rae Auger	David Donald Myler Justice of Peace
Sept. 23, Nashua	Jeffrey S. Rudinsky Brenda L. Scott	Rev. Robert Schenkel, Jr.
Sept. 23, Hudson	Leonard VanHirtum, Jr. Anne M. Lavoie	Rev. Donald W. Rowley
Sept. 24, Amherst	James F. Besecker III Susanne J. Huckabee	Rev. Theodore L. Weatherly
Sept. 24, Milford	Carl Bradley Maxner Deborah Ann Haughey	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Oct. 8, Milford	John Scott Gagne Kathleen Nichole Marion	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Oct. 9, New London	Samuel Bradbury IV Linda J. Wein	Rev. Francis B. Creamer, Jr.
Oct. 9, Amherst	Angelo DeCicco Sandra Sue Stenger	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Oct. 15, Amherst	Jeffrey Edwin Poole Cynthia D. Alden	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson
Oct. 15, Milford	Carl Edwin Griffiths Debra Ann Levesque	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Oct. 29, Amherst	Ward P. Freeman Alice B. Wagner	Rev. Harold Worster
Oct. 29, Amherst	Joseph E. Anderson Cheryl Ann Loesel	Rev. Arnold D. Johnson

<b>Date and Place</b>	<b>Name of Bride and Groom</b>	<b>Name of Officiant</b>
Oct. 29, Amherst	Kenneth A. Johnson Denise J. Akien	Dennis M. Drake Justice of Peace
Nov. 5, Milford	Richard C. Trombly Marjorie L. Depoy	Rev. Robert M. Duchow
Nov. 26, Epping	Ernest Hendrick Bjork, Jr. Linda Kay Friedenber	Rev. Wm. H. Bahan
Nov. 30, Amherst	Cullen Wayne Preslar Lynn Alice Lovell	Acting Bishop Fred'k. G. Wenzel
Dec. 2, Milford	Neil H. Parkhurst Kathleen Falco	Rev. Louis A. Soucey
Dec. 10, Amherst	Scott Forrest French Linda June Thatcher	Richard A. Chacos
Dec. 17, Laconia	Jeffrey David Parker Dorothy Hannon Freni	Rev. Emmett J. Mulhern, Jr.
Dec. 20, Milford	Luigi D'Angola Bianca Casalini	James D. Otis Justice of Peace
Dec. 24, Manchester	Terry Walter Penner Donna Lynne Padget	Rev. Robert W. Griggs

# Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N.H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date and Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 4, Manchester	Wendy Jeffus	Larry Francis Jeffus	Mary Elizabeth Blanchard
Jan. 4, Nashua	Michael Patrick Fortier	Pierre Bolduc Fortier	Pamela Gene Toomey
Jan. 6, Nashua	Jonathan Patrick Supphin	Sheldon Delane Supphin	Diane Marie Radzikowski
Jan. 7, Nashua	Mark Howard Ferris	Howard Alan Ferris	Suzanne Nathalie Pothier
Jan. 10, Manchester	Eric Thomas Hunter	Donald Carlton Hunter	Kathleen Marie McCarthy
Jan. 11, Nashua	Richard Wyeth Fetterman	Rodney Wayne Fetterman	Dawn Lorraine Michell
Jan. 14, Nashua	Sarah Abbott Akerson	Stuart Abbott Akerson	Pamela Sue Goodwin
Jan. 18, Nashua	Jason Michael Durtree	Allen David Durtree, Jr.	Shirley May Lansil
Jan. 18, Nashua	Jason Alexander Ong	DeKiam Koa Ong	Maria Shirley Ang
Feb. 11, Nashua	Rebecca Ann Payne	Herbert John Payne	JoAnn Marie Buckley
Feb. 14, Manchester	Kerry Ann Beliveau	Roch Louis Beliveau	Lee Buchan
Feb. 15, Nashua	Nathan Donald Douglas	Norman David Douglas	Charlean O'Banner
Feb. 15, Nashua	Heather Lynn Anderson	Larry Thomas Anderson	Caroline Sue Middleton
Feb. 21, Nashua	Benjamin J. Wines	August Joseph Wines	Muriel Clair Moeser
Feb. 21, Peterborough	Jason Stephen Magher	Robert Ward Magher	Carol Marie Lowic
Mar. 1, Nashua	Kerry Regina Welch	John Michael Welch	Regina Marie Devine
Mar. 1, Nashua	Mary Ann Peno	David Michael Peno	Lyn Mary Rondeau
Mar. 10, Nashua	Jennifer Marie Stoupas	Peter Dennis Stoupas	Jana Lee Gabrielson
Mar. 11, Nashua	Liza Ann Menegoni	Francis Joseph Menegoni	Cynthia Gail Maverick
Mar. 12, Nashua	Christine Ann Bardsley	Richard A. Bardsley	Monique Jeanine Poulin
Mar. 15, Nashua	Cheryl Leigh Mamoon	Joseph Anthony Mamoon, Jr.	Beverly Joanne Sutton
Mar. 17, Nashua	Lindsay Macbeth Curran	Michael Andrew Curran	Deborah Charlotte Anne Macbeth
Mar. 20, Nashua	Courtney Pasqualoni	James Edward Pasqualoni, Jr.	Kathleen Marie Graves
Mar. 24, Nashua	Brian Richard Foster	John Richard Foster	Linda Jean Buck
Mar. 30, Nashua	Craig Brigham Jaibert	Michael Gerard Jaibert	Pamela Louise Brigham
Apr. 1, Nashua	Gina Dorothy Ollila	Gene Edward Ollila	Julie Ann Luongo
Apr. 1, Nashua	Nicholas Andre' Lapointe	Thomas Amy Lapointe	Marianne Eleonora Enrigueta Sorensen
Apr. 3, Nashua	Michael Roger Lang	Peter Max Lang	Pauline Rita Lessard
Apr. 6, Nashua	Kevin Matthew Rapp	William Harry Rapp	Candace Griffin
Apr. 7, Nashua	Todd David Tonnesen	Ralph Tonnesen	JeanEllen Barr
Apr. 7, Nashua	Brian Joseph Early	Robert Emmet Early	Virginia Teague
Apr. 9, Nashua	Shannon C. Scully	Robert Edmund Scully	Marcia Ann Clark
Apr. 10, Nashua	Robert Thomas Haley	William Douglas Haley	Suzanne Carol Michel
Apr. 15, Nashua	Julie Beth Levesque	Paul Anthony Levesque, Jr.	Elizabeth Louise Bennett
Apr. 15, Manchester	Katherine Melissa Verrill	Richard Maurice Verrill	Sharon Abel Abel
Apr. 19, Manchester	Lindsay Benz Grabske	William John Grabske	Judith Elaine Benz

Date and Place	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
May 2, Nashua	Alicia Valerie Richardson	David James Richardson	Valerie Grace Poulin
May 2, Nashua	Kerry Virginia Richardson	David James Richardson	Valerie Grace Poulin
May 3, Manchester	Kelly Maureen Cronin	Francis Joseph Cronin	Maureen Rita MacDonald
May 4, Manchester	Shannon Patrick Barone	James Arthur Barone	Marita Heinz
May 4, Nashua	Donna Lynne Houston	Maurice Henry Houston	Deborah Ann Deveau
May 6, Nashua	Andrew Wilson Beach	David Crawford Beach	Elizabeth Anne Cooke
May 7, Nashua	Angela Jo Messier	Peter Joseph Messier	Cheryl Ann White
May 16, Nashua	Boy — Byers	Bruce William Byers	Katherine Elizabeth Irons
May 17, Nashua	Scott Douglas Paulding	Lloyd Irving Paulding	Suzanne Hope Swanson
May 25, Nashua	Thomas Jay Shemeld	Thomas Edward Shemeld III	Janice Marie Finney
May 30, Nashua	Heather Marie Labrum	Randolph Dean Labrum	Linda Ann Newell
May 31, Nashua	Mary Ellen Rayment	Paul James Rayment	Dolores Margaret Schaefer
May 31, Nashua	Heidi Gerstenschlager	Val Gerstenschlager	MerryLynn Benzing
June 3, Nashua	Matthew Charles Landman	Ronald Landman	Anne Christine Clark
June 5, Nashua	Kirsten Elizabeth Albano	Stephen Alan Albano	Eleanor Jean Garofano
June 7, Nashua	Jennifer Ann Mayo	Francis Clark Mayo	Ruth Ann Sheehan
June 9, Nashua	Paul Tyler Federspiel	Roland Neil Federspiel	Ruth Naomi Frauenfeld
June 13, Nashua	Robert Hutton IV	Robert Hutton III	Beverly Woodward
June 15, Nashua	Stephen Daniel Mitchell	Bernard Austin Mitchell	Mary Claire McDonald
June 23, Nashua	Jesse Rush Strawbridge	Richard Desmond M. Strawbridge	Lucy Anne Rush
June 25, Nashua	Jared Louis Lamey	Cornelius Charles Lamey	Mary Susan Hester
July 2, Nashua	Jameson Thomas Moyers	Roxwell Max Moyers	Pamela Anne Rainey
July 12, Nashua	Justin Paul Gagnon	Paul Gerard Gagnon	Lucia Linda Campo
July 15, Nashua	Andrew Arnold Hall	Roger Andrew Hall	Priscilla Elin Rice
July 15, Nashua	Erin Dalrymple	Wayne Edward Dalrymple	Barbara Currier
July 16, Nashua	Anja Michelle Gilbert	Denis Alfred Gilbert	Bettina Ilona Blochwitz
July 21, Nashua	Rena Mae Levesque	George Robert Levesque	Jeanne Evelyn Cote
July 24, Nashua	Amy Beth Lemire	James Harold Lemire	Elizabeth Ann Tartre
July 25, Manchester	Christine Naomi Frades	Steven Dine Frades	Claudia June Campman
July 30, Nashua	Coreen Marie Ancill	Marcel Paul Ancill	Linda Claire Desautels
July 30, Nashua	Valerie Marie Ancill	Marcel Paul Ancill	Linda Claire Desautels
Aug. 2, Nashua	Jennifer Marie Wanat	Louis Francis Wanat	Julianne Mary Buraczynski
Aug. 2, Nashua	Robert James Foster	Robert Walter Foster	Elizabeth Ann Calyer
Aug. 4, Nashua	Jacqueline Anne Lamarre	Clement Denis Lamarre	Brenda Ann Baroody
Aug. 6, Nashua	Peter Sparre Viens	Donald Paul Viens	Lisa Sparre Herbert
Aug. 9, Nashua	Mark William Lockwood	Donald Mark Lockwood	Phyllis Ann Brown
Aug. 9, Leominster, Ma.	David Kirkham Forget	Raymond Alfred Forget	Barbara June LaPrade
Aug. 11, Nashua	David Kirkham Potts	Andrew Potts	Ann Christine Thompson
Aug. 14, Hanover	Donald Rudolph Monson	John Rudolph Monson	Susan Lee Brown
Aug. 22, Nashua	Kelley Glyde Heighon	Eugene Allen Heighon	Sarah Glyde Rumery

Date and Place	Name of Child
Aug. 25, Nashua	Kathleen Constance Scollin
Aug. 28, Nashua	Amy Elizabeth Nawrocki
Aug. 30, Nashua	Katharine Paige Goodwill
Sept. 3, Manchester	Julie Lynn Woodman
Sept. 5, Nashua	Kimberly Ann Civiello
Sept. 7, Nashua	Ryan Michael Greenleaf
Sept. 9, Peterborough	Laura Ann Mackey
Sept. 9, Nashua	Nathan Richard Laing
Sept. 16, Nashua	Nora Lee Maloon
Sept. 23, Nashua	Nicole Ann Saucier
Sept. 23, Peterborough	Ethan Raymond McCusker
Sept. 27, Nashua	Stephen Richard Lessard
Sept. 29, Nashua	Julian Reed Cook
Oct. 4, Manchester	Victoria Carole Tremblay
Oct. 7, Nashua	John Patrick Foley
Oct. 9, Nashua	Jennifer Lynne Poirier
Oct. 14, Nashua	David William Lloyd
Oct. 15, Nashua	Benjamin Lawson Canfield
Oct. 20, Nashua	Stefano Dan D'Angola
Oct. 29, Nashua	Judree Andrea Ross
Nov. 6, Manchester	Cherilyn Alicia Miller
Nov. 7, Nashua	Jon Anthony Marinucci
Nov. 16, Nashua	Douglas Karl Stow
Nov. 19, Concord	Erik Matthew Anderson
Nov. 20, Nashua	Andrew Charles Cappelli
Nov. 23, Peterborough	Kelly Ann Roosa
Nov. 25, Nashua	Rebecca Lynn Bury
Nov. 26, Nashua	Michael Angus Mendola
Nov. 27, Nashua	Ryan Irvin Crowder
Dec. 13, Nashua	Trevor John Pavone
Dec. 14, Nashua	Peter Joseph LaRoche
Dec. 22, Nashua	Joseph Ray Ashour
Dec. 23, Nashua	Jonathan Eric Ulewicz
Dec. 28, Nashua	Allison Paige Tyler
Dec. 29, Nashua	Michael Alexander Pollock

## Correction for 1976

Sept. 15, Nashua  
Sept. 20, Nashua

Jennifer Michelle Knous  
Garret Peter Cowenhoven

Name of Father	Name of Mother
George Francis Scollin III	Maura Elizabeth Dwyer
Joseph Robert Nawrocki	Christine Ann Strykowski
William Michael Goodwill	Carolyn McDuffee Meader
Charles Peter Woodman	Patricia Ann Palmer
Rocco Vincent Civiello	Audrey Sharon Crawford
Michael Scott Greenleaf	Cynthia Jane Kizala
David Leigh Mackey	Sandra Pearl Holzhauser
Charles Vincent Laing	Candice Laura Angwin
Willis Herman Maloon, Jr.	Nancy Lee Greenleaf
Norman Roland Saucier	Helen Theresa O'Connor
Andrew John McCusker	Deborah Rae Seraphin
Patrick Alan Lessard	Dorothy Jean Levesque
Richard Leslie Cook	Laura Elizabeth Ouellette
Victor Joseph Tremblay	Carole Gertrude Schalk
Frederick Joseph Foley	Theresa Jean Panek
Lionel Gerard Poirier	Paula Jean Paradis
Ben Ashton Lloyd	Joan Griffith
Richard Eric Canfield	Mary Dale Lawson
Luigi D'Angola	Bianca Maria Casalini
Kenneth Charles Ross	Connie Lee Whitaker
Alden Weston Miller	Lorraine Mamie Sandford
John Marinucci	Nancy Carol Buckley
Calvin Edgar Stow	Nancy Elaine Assenheimer
David Alden Anderson	Nancy Mathers
James Thomas Cappelli	Constance Lynn Zumbrun
Michael Francis Roosa	Kathleen Ann Gallagher
Joseph Bury	Charron Annal Lee Boone
Joseph Michael Mendola	Janet Lynn Wilson
William Roberts Crowder	Janet Bantly Irvin
Robert Francis Pavone, Jr.	Jean Ellen Gaysunas
Robert Peter LaRoche	Marie Ann Cote
Tahsin Abdulla Ashour	Gail Leslie Sanford
William Frank Ulewicz	June Rose Morris
Robert Hardy Tyler	Ruth Matilda Snyder
G. William Pollock, Jr.	Marion Emily Verge

Mary Elizabeth Ephlin  
Virginia Fritts

Charles Michael Knous  
Garret Peter Cowenhoven

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N.H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date and Place	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 7, Manchester	Thomas Nicholas Jsirandanis	55	Nicholas Jsirandanis	Ellen Drowne
Jan. 20, Amherst	Bella Boivin	70	Ferdinand Boivin	Amanda Pellerin
Feb. 5, Milford	Jennie E. O'Koomian	80	Ruben Mederian	Biolet Jejean
Feb. 27, Milford	Harold P. Trefethen	73	Dr. Wm. J. Trefethen	Addie M. Jones
Mar. 4, Amherst	Edith Mangold	59	Clyde Hall	Minnie Davis
Mar. 7, Lakewood, NJ	Frank S. Weber	75	Henry Weber	Anna Eisele
Mar. 26, Milford	Anna H. Smith	89	Charles O. Harvey	Susan James
Mar. 31, Nashua	Sarah B. Parks	80	Newton Smith	Sophia Smith
Apr. 7, Nashua	Benjamin G. Bundy	88	Robert W. Bundy	Harriet U/K
Apr. 20, Nashua	Patricia H. Drew	53	Anno I. Drew	Frances U/K
Apr. 22, Manchester	Glenys G. Allen	71	Langdon Bates	Ethel Myrick
Apr. 30, Dover	Alan S. Palmer	15	William E. Palmer	Janet Gray
May 2, Boston, Ma	Frederick Manning Sears, Jr.	72	Frederick M. Sears, Sr.	Marjorie Lawson
May 3, Nashua	Keith A. Noble	63	Herbert Noble	Emma Alexander
May 6, Nashua	Lena Paterno	71	Michael Rocco	Eugenia DesStefano
May 16, Milford	James E. Sickler	34	Earl Sickler	Marcia Weakley
May 23, Amherst	William Morello	80	Olimpio Morello	Marianna Provone
May 24, Newport	Lillian Rae Doherty	83	George Rae	Janet Patrick
June 1, Goffstown	Abbie M. Peterson	87	John Collins	Emily Cayes
June 9, Nashua	Paul Tyler Federspiel	2 1/2 hrs.	Roland N. Federspiel	Ruth Fraventfeld
June 10, Milford	Blanche Converse	88	Fred Sarwell	U/K
June 15, Amherst	Donald Alan Handy	52	Belno A. B. Handy	Mildred H. Robinson
July 30, Milford	Ina Stickney	84	John Duncan	U/K
Sept. 4, Nashua	Betty L. Jacobs	33	Richard E. Clark	Edith Vangen
Sept. 5, Nashua	Theresa M. Burke	50	Alfred Vize	Della O'Reilly
Sept. 22, Laconia	Ebon E. Erlandson	81	Bror Bendroth	Amanda Kulberg
Oct. 7, Nashua	Richard L. Cubell	56	Samuel Cubell	Theresa Silverman
Oct. 18, Milford	Flora P. Harris	91	Monroe S. Harris	Carrie J. Dummel
Oct. 19, Nashua	May C. Callahan	84	James Keegan	Margaret Heaney
Oct. 22, Amherst	Arthur C. Richardson	95	Charles Richardson	Abbey Hutchinson
Nov. 2, Milford	Dana V. Hewitt	87	Adelbert Hewitt	Henrietta L. Peck
Nov. 9, Nashua	John J. McCarthy	78	John J. McCarthy	Elizabeth Parrigo
Nov. 16, Milford	Dorothy D. Harney	78	William F. Dennen	Carrie T. Tarnell
Nov. 20, Milford	Joseph Alton Buteau	41	Edas Buteau	Helen Therrien
Dec. 12, Manchester	Leroy Wheeler	72	Ephram Wheeler	Bessie Smith
Dec. 21, Amherst	Adeline E. Putnam	76	Joseph Dobson	Margaret Rogers



## Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst, N.H.

Date and Place	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Cemetery
Jan. 6, Merrimack	Clarence H. Adams	70	Meadowview
Feb. 10, Fletcher, No. Car.	Douglas Erskine Howard	16	Meadowview
Mar. 11, Derry	Eleanor H. Carr	90	Meadowview
Mar. 29, Bedford	Dana L. Sandford	19	Chestnut Hill
May 4, Lowell, Ma.	Eleanor A. Brown	63	Meadowview
July 22, Manchester	Clayton R. Ingraham	79	Meadowview
Aug. 16, Quincy, Ma.	Beatrice B. Wilson	68	Meadowview
Sept. 21, Nashua	James Robert Blair	69	Meadowview
Oct. 5, Exeter	Mary Elizabeth Hutchinson	81	St. Patrick's

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

**BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD**, Town Clerk  
December 31, 1977



ANNUAL REPORTS  
*of the*  
School District Officers  
*of*  
Amherst, N. H.  
*for the*  
*Year Ending June 30, 1977*

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## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Officers 1977-78

School Board	Term Expires
Ronald L. Pomerleau	1978
Ann M. Logan	1978
Herbert C. Stearns	1978
Edith B. Carson	1980
Joseph H.S. Hoag	1980
Roland L. Schoepf	Superintendent
Frederick S. Bock	Assistant Superintendent
Marcia H. Terkow	Administrative Assistant
Louise Ainsworth	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D.	School Physician
Hope Caulfield	School Nurse
Rosalie McGeoch	School Nurse
John Osborn	Attendance Officer
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Garret P. Cowenhoven	Auditor

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1977-78

Begin	Close	
Sept. 8 (Thurs.)	Dec. 23 (Fri.)	72 days
(Oct. 14, Nov. 10, 11, Nov. 24, 25 — No School)		
Jan. 3 (Tues.)	Feb. 17 (Fri.)	34 days
Feb. 27 (Mon.)	April 21 (Fri.)	40 days
May 1 (Mon.)	June 16 (Fri.)	34 days
(May 30 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

### **Tentative 1978-79 — based on state recommendation (Subject to revision in the fall)**

Begin	Close	
Sept. 6 (Wed.)	Dec. 22 (Fri.)	74 days
(Oct. 13, Nov. 23, 24 — No School)		
Jan. 3 (Wed.)	Feb. 16 (Fri.)	33 days
Feb. 26 (Mon.)	April 20 (Fri.)	40 days
April 30 (Mon.)	June 14 (Thurs.)	33 days
(May 30 — No School)		
		<hr/> 180 days*

\*This calendar is subject to changes authorized by your School Board, the State Department of Education, or when school is closed because of dangerous traveling conditions or emergencies. The minimum legal requirement is 180 days actually in session.

**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

**Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. — Will not close before 7:00 p.m.**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the fourteenth day of March 1978, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. To choose two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of February 1978

RONALD L. POMERLEAU  
ANN M. LOGAN  
EDITH B. CARSON  
J.H.S. HOAG  
HERBERT C. STEARNS  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

RONALD L. POMERLEAU  
ANN M. LOGAN  
EDITH B. CARSON  
J.H.S. HOAG  
HERBERT C. STEARNS  
School Board

**SCHOOL WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the tenth day of March 1978, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 and authorize the School Board to employ an architect to prepare preliminary drawings and cost estimates for a new elementary school.

6. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

7. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.



Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of  
February 1978

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School Board

## ATHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET - 1978-79

ACCOUNT NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED 1976-77	ACTUAL 1976-77	BUDGETED 1977-78	PROPOSED 1978-79
100 Series Administration				
110 Salaries of District Officers	2,460.00	2,267.54	3,660.00	3,640.00
135 Contracted Services	5,325.00	4,325.00	1,100.00	8,900.00
190 Other Expenses for Administration	1,825.00	3,418.10	1,975.00	2,400.00
100 Series Total	9,610.00	10,010.64	6,735.00	14,940.00
200 Series Instruction				
210.1 Salaries - present staff	1,007,769.00	1,012,159.70	1,179,694.00	1,282,795.00
210.2 Salaries - new staff	--	--	--	49,500.00
210.43 Summer Curriculum	500.00	400.00	3,200.00	4,600.00
210.44 Gesell Testing	1,450.00	1,449.11	2,200.00	1,750.00
210.62 Teacher Scholarship	5,400.00	4,697.00	6,900.00	6,900.00
210.65 Insurance	43,455.00	34,202.29	51,000.00	56,966.00
Total 210	1,050,574.00	1,052,908.10	1,242,994.00	1,402,411.00
215 Textbooks	6,980.00	7,557.92	15,600.00	13,452.00
220 Library and Audio Visual	19,520.00	18,219.77	22,782.00	18,810.00
230 Teaching Supplies	39,500.00	39,797.89	43,262.00	62,562.00
235 Contracted Services	9,747.00	8,493.40	16,807.00	31,222.00
290 Other Expenses for Instruction	6,485.00	4,356.11	9,418.00	12,030.00
200 Series Total	1,140,806.00	1,131,333.19	1,355,962.00	1,546,487.00
300 Series Attendance	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
400 Series Health Services	13,766.00	13,542.02	14,006.00	20,701.00
500 Series Transportation	131,450.00	132,775.86	139,450.00	212,030.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION		BUDGETED 1976-77	ACTUAL 1976-77	BUDGETED 1977-78	PROPOSED 1978-79
600 Series Operation of Plant					
610 Salaries		64,139.00	61,896.47	67,736.00	74,744.00
630 Supplies		9,634.00	8,815.21	10,500.00	12,052.00
635 Contracted Services		3,825.41	4,749.41	4,247.00	7,160.00
640 Heat		48,879.00	43,196.44	50,587.00	56,856.00
645 Utilities		37,917.00	32,998.21	44,248.00	51,188.00
690 Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00
600 Series Total		<u>164,394.00</u>	<u>151,655.74</u>	<u>177,318.00</u>	<u>202,160.00</u>
700 Series Maintenance of Plant		26,511.00	37,428.64	33,038.00	50,137.00
800 Series Fixed Charges		100,039.00	100,271.87	120,805.00	133,846.00
900 Series Federal Lunch		15,000.00	29,575.16	17,000.00	25,000.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities		4,050.00	3,700.00	5,150.00	5,150.00
1100 Series Community Activities		1,500.00	1,963.47	2,650.00	2,000.00
1200 Series Capital Outlay					
1265 Sites		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1266 Buildings		0.00	0.00	15,000.00	240.00
1267 Equipment		<u>11,519.00</u>	<u>10,040.18</u>	<u>17,315.00</u>	<u>16,695.00</u>
1200 Series Total		11,519.00	10,040.18	32,315.00	16,935.00
1300 Series Debt Service					
1370 Principal		235,000.00	235,000.00	235,000.00	325,000.00
1371 Interest		<u>144,761.00</u>	<u>144,760.00</u>	<u>133,510.00</u>	<u>133,655.00</u>
Service Charge		15.00	10.35	15.00	15.00
1300 Series Total		379,776.00	379,770.35	368,525.00	458,670.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts					
1477.1 Tuition - In-state (Milford)		655,928.00	510,946.74	723,081.00	772,240.00
AREA Rental		<u>56,476.00</u>	<u>44,430.15</u>	<u>65,976.00</u>	<u>67,151.00</u>

ACCOUNT NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION	BUDGETED 1976-77	ACTUAL 1976-77	BUDGETED 1977-78	PROPOSED 1978-79
Extra Seats (Milford)	4,799.00	5,216.04	3,000.00	0.00
Tuition Handicapped (Milford)	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00	4,984.00
Tuition Trainable (Milford)	2,800.00	2,800.00	4,925.00	5,385.00
1477.2 Transportation - Handicapped (Milford)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation - Trainable (Milford)	2,916.90	0.00	2,916.00	8,624.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	51,758.83	51,758.83	57,616.47	66,988.18
1479.1 Tuition - Non-public	18,355.00	29,039.76	40,000.00	45,571.00
1479.2 Transportation - Non-public	17,505.00	15,017.12	30,000.00	47,904.00
1400 Series Total	812,437.83	661,108.64	927,514.47	1,018,847.18
1800 Series Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Budget	2,815,908.83	2,663,225.82	3,206,318.47	3,711,953.18

REVENUE	APPROVED BY TAX COMMISSION		ACTUAL 1976-77	APPROVED BY TAX COMMISSION		PROPOSED 1978-79
	1976-77			1977-78		
Unencumbered Balance	63,808.53		63,418.53	101,273.89		0.00
Sweepstakes	61,044.56		61,044.56	30,141.62		37,677.00
School Building Aid	71,432.81		71,432.81	69,483.41		97,500.00
Foster Children Aid	900.00		400.00	0.00		0.00
School Lunch and Special Milk	15,000.00		29,575.16	16,000.00		25,000.00
Trust Fund Income	900.00		1,135.71	1,200.00		1,200.00
Rent	2,500.00		1,715.50	2,500.00		2,500.00
Investment Revenue	0.00		0.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
PL 874	0.00		5,190.37	0.00		0.00
Temporary Deposits and Investments	0.00		6,705.96	0.00		0.00
State Gas	4,000.00		4,820.94	4,000.00		4,000.00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	0.00		9.00	0.00		0.00
Total Revenue and Credits	219,535.90		245,498.54	227,098.92		170,377.00
District Assessment	2,596,322.93			2,979,219.55		3,541,576.18
Total Appropriations	2,815,908.83			3,206,318.47		3,711,953.18

## REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

The 1977 - 1978 school year has been one of transition, analysis and re-evaluation for the Amherst School Board. The change from a three member school board to a five member unit has been smoothly accomplished. The three new members accepted their responsibilities with an enthusiasm and dedication that has created a positive working relationship among all school board members.

During the process of compiling data for a progress report on the overall educational and administrative achievements since the last school district meeting, it became evident that an analysis of the future of the Amherst School District would give the long-time residents a review and update on the progress achieved at this time and, further, would bring to the attention of newer members of the town an opportunity to examine the (complex) problems for which decisions will be required in the near future.

The first issue that must be addressed is the need for a new elementary school. A few months before the 1976 School District Meeting, the Amherst School Board was notified through channels that Federal Funds were available for Public Works project from the Department of Commerce. Certain guidelines had been established and the Amherst School District made application for approximately \$360,000 to build an eight room addition to the Clark School. Although assurances had been given by responsible members of the Federal Agency that Amherst, along with other surrounding communities, was in a very strong position to be granted the funds, the subsequent decision by the Department of Commerce was to grant over 6 million dollars to Nashua while Amherst and other small surrounding communities received nothing. In the meantime, the citizens of Amherst had voted funds for architectural studies of the Clark School and the establishment of a building committee to investigate and make recommendations to the School Board. Although Federal Funds were not available, the building committee saw a need for renovation and a program was set forth which culminated in a special School District Meeting in December. At that time, the voters approved the proposed renovations along with the addition of two classrooms to help alleviate the crowding condition taking place at the elementary level. A constant evaluation on pupil enrollment projection has indicated to the School Board that we would need to open the doors of a new elementary school by 1981, the planning for

which should begin in 1979. However, it became evident to the Clark School building committee and the School Board that at the present rate of pupil enrollment we would be in very serious crowding condition before 1981.

The second major issue moving on a parallel course is a final decision on the "AREA" situation for the high school students from Amherst. While the Clark School Building Committee was studying the elementary situation, the Amherst and Milford School Boards were in constant communication with the "Joint "AREA" School Study Committee" which had been established to analyze and recommend possible solutions and the costs in order that the citizens of both communities could judge whether to remain together in a Cooperative School District or to separate and create individual High School systems by the 1985-1986 school year. Recognizing the 1985-1986 termination of the AREA contract, the Amherst School Board had programmed that any new venture by Amherst would have to begin by 1981 to be completed for 1985 - 1986. However, based on historical enrollments and future projections, it appears, at this time, that a decision to remain together or separate should be initiated earlier than 1981. Therefore, with the aid of various groups such as the P.T.A., The League of Women Voters and others, proposals are being studied and discussed by both boards to accelerate the final decision as to the future of Amherst and Milford High School students.

During the discussions with Milford in the past year, the Amherst School Board realized that in the event an agreeable cooperative solution could not be structured between both towns, we should investigate a cooperative venture with any other surrounding community that would be agreeable to discuss the matter. However, we received communications that were in the negative. Therefore, at this time, we are left with two options:

1. Cooperative School District (If Milford and Amherst voters both agree)
2. Building our own high school

Further, within the framework of analyzing the High School and Elementary School problems, it became apparent to the School Board that the Amherst School District should follow a different avenue relative to its administrative pattern. The Amherst School District, which now comprises about 2,200 students including those sent to Milford, is now administered by a Superintendent and staff for multiple school districts

called Supervisory Union No. 41. The School Districts of Amherst, Brookline, and Hollis share the services of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and various office staff for which Amherst pays approximately 55% of the total cost or an amount of more than \$66,000 for the 1978 - 1979 school year. It has become obvious to the Amherst School Board that with a growing school enrollment and projected building programs, it would better serve the need of Amherst to establish our own Supervisory Union with a Superintendent and staff to devote 100% of their time to the demands of the Amherst educational system. Preliminary discussions have taken place with representatives of the State Board of Education requesting the possible inauguration of our own Supervisory Union by the 1979 - 1980 school year. The target date established would allow time for a resolution of the "AREA" situation and for the Hollis and Brookline school districts to properly plan and reorganize without the Amherst School District. Further, we would have to establish suitable quarters, select a superintendent, hire other necessary staff to allow for an orderly transition from one Supervisory Union District to our own. Further, if Amherst and Milford elect to pursue a Cooperative School District, it is logical that we would request to become a member of Supervisory Union No. 40, which comprises Milford and Mont Vernon. Thus, there would be complete articulation and control of all programs at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels by a Chief Executive Officer, the Superintendent, responding to the various school boards of Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon.

Although this progress report does not allow for detailed explanations, the Amherst School Board feels that the focus for the coming year will be the final resolution of these major issues along with the necessary planning to implement whatever course of action the voters will decide. The Amherst School Board is planning a series of informational programs which will take place after the School District meeting to allow for in detail discussion and analysis by the voters of Amherst.

Finally, the Amherst School Board recognizes that the decisions made by the citizens of Amherst in the next year or so will greatly affect the future of the Amherst educational system and we strongly urge participation by all the members of the community.

RONALD POMERLEAU, Amherst School Board Chairman



**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**  
**(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977)**

Louise Ainsworth, Treasurer

In account with the Amherst School District

**General Fund**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1976	\$ 86,990.77
Board of Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	2,596,321.93
Revenue from State Sources	137,698.31
Revenue from Federal Sources	46,662.57
Received from Trust Funds	1,185.71
Received from all Other Sources	18,049.97
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$2,886,909.26
Less School Board Orders Paid	2,701,335.02
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1977	\$ 185,574.24

**Adult Education Program**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1976	\$172.50
Received from Tuition	100.00
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$272.50
Less School Board Orders Paid	50.00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1977	\$222.50

**Emotionally Disturbed Program**

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1976	\$973.53
Receipts	0.00
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$973.53
Less School Board Orders Paid	80.00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1977	\$893.53

## **AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, N.H. of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON  
GARRET COWENHOVEN

Auditors

July 18, 1977

## **NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT**

**1977-78 School Year**

Total Appropriations	\$3,206,318.47
Revenues and Credits	
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 101,273.89
Sweepstakes	30,141.62
School Building Aid	69,483.41
State Gas	4,000.00
School Lunch and Special Milk	16,000.00
Trust Fund Income	1,200.00
Rent	2,500.00
Investment Revenue	2,500.00
Total Revenue and Credits	<hr/> \$ 227,098.92
District Assessment	2,979,219.55
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$3,206,318.47

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET - 1978-79

BUDGET SUMMARY

Program	Salaries	Non-Expendable Materials	Expendable Materials	Contracted Services	Replacement Fixed Assets	Acquisition Fixed Assets	Travel	Total
Administrative Services	198,265.00	200.00	4,820.00	92,603.18	5,950.00	4,754.00	1,810.00	308,402.18
Educational Programs	1,241,188.00	19,101.00	60,169.00	647.00	3,391.00	5,735.00	0.00	1,330,282.00
Educational Support	81,646.00	10,351.00	11,360.00	927,815.00	0.00	5,106.00	0.00	1,036,227.00
Other Support Services	26,666.00	0.00	737.00	293,858.00	4,500.00	0.00	200.00	325,961.00
Plant and Facilities	84,623.00	0.00	12,052.00	145,166.00	2,070.00	1,340.00	160.00	245,411.00
Community Activity	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	458,670.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	458,670.00
<b>Budget Summary Totals</b>	<b>1,634,388.00</b>	<b>29,652.00</b>	<b>89,138.00</b>	<b>1,918,759.18</b>	<b>15,911.00</b>	<b>16,935.00</b>	<b>2,170.00</b>	<b>3,706,953.18</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>								
Attendance	50.00							50.00
Building Administration	189,075.00	200.00	2,920.00	8,893.00	5,950.00	4,754.00	1,810.00	213,602.00
Census	500.00							500.00
Contingency	5,000.00							5,000.00
Insurance				12,822.00				12,822.00
School Board	3,640.00		1,900.00	70,886.18				76,428.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,265.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>4,820.00</b>	<b>92,603.18</b>	<b>5,950.00</b>	<b>4,754.00</b>	<b>1,810.00</b>	<b>308,402.18</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>								
English/Language Arts	365,349.00	9,585.00	11,096.00					406,030.00
Foreign Language	33,990.00	542.00	893.00					35,425.00
Mathematics	226,921.00	2,296.00	7,762.00					236,979.00
Home Economics	23,935.00	56.00	2,289.00	210.00	403.00	128.00		27,021.00
Industrial Arts	23,255.00	58.00	4,268.00			358.00		27,939.00
Art	47,003.00		5,601.00			773.00		53,377.00
Music (Choral)	57,416.00	406.00	422.00			13.00		58,257.00
Music (Instrumental)	10,225.00		417.00	437.00	1,400.00	1,537.00		14,016.00
Physical Education	40,025.00		1,181.00		1,588.00	1,566.00		44,360.00
Readiness	41,555.00		1,151.00			51.00		42,757.00
Science	150,082.00	1,164.00	3,201.00			797.00		155,224.00
Social Studies	115,289.00	3,002.00	2,957.00			62.00		121,310.00
Learning Disabilities	42,675.00	597.00	205.00					43,477.00
Remedial Reading	32,103.00	295.00	1,667.00			51.00		34,116.00
Gifted	11,385.00	1,100.00	600.00			450.00		13,535.00
Small Supplies			16,459.00					16,459.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,241,188.00</b>	<b>19,101.00</b>	<b>60,169.00</b>	<b>647.00</b>	<b>3,391.00</b>	<b>5,786.00</b>		<b>1,330,282.00</b>

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET - 1978-79

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Program	Salaries	Non-Expendable Materials	Expendable Materials	Contracted Services	Replacement Fixed Assets	Acquisition Fixed Assets	Travel	Total
Guidance	38,729.00	351.00	2,150.00	4,165.00				45,395.00
In-Service Education	13,500.00			1,450.00				14,950.00
Media Services								
Library	29,017.00	10,000.00						39,017.00
Audio Visual			9,210.00	4,486.00		5,055.00		18,751.00
Special Education Consortium	400.00			22,383.00				22,783.00
Tuition								
Regular				830,391.00				839,391.00
Special Education-Public				10,369.00				10,369.00
Special Education-Private				45,571.00				45,571.00
Total	81,646.00	10,351.00	11,360.00	927,815.00	5,055.00			1,036,227.00
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES								
Food Services								
Health Services	21,516.00			25,000.00				25,000.00
Student Activities	5,150.00		737.00	150.00			200.00	22,603.00
Transportation								5,150.00
Field Trips								
Gasoline				5,400.00				5,400.00
Regular Contract				19,800.00				19,800.00
Insurance				183,330.00				183,330.00
Special Education-Public				3,500.00				3,500.00
Special Education-Private				8,624.00				8,624.00
Van				47,004.00				47,004.00
				150.00	4,500.00			4,650.00
Total	26,666.00		737.00	293,858.00	4,500.00		200.00	325,961.00
PLANT AND FACILITIES								
Custodial								
Heating	84,623.00		12,052.00	7,160.00	870.00	500.00	160.00	105,365.00
Utilities				56,856.00				56,856.00
Maintenance of Buildings				51,188.00				51,188.00
Maintenance of Equipment				28,932.00	1,200.00	240.00		30,372.00
Maintenance of Grounds				880.00		600.00		880.00
				150.00				750.00
Total	84,623.00		12,052.00	145,166.00	2,070.00	1,340.00	160.00	245,411.00

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET - 1978-79

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Program	Salaries	Non-Expendable Materials	Expendable Materials	Contracted Services	Replacement Fixed Assets	Acquisition Fixed Assets	Travel	Total
Community Programs	2,000.00							2,000.00
Total	2,000.00							2,000.00
DEBT SERVICE								
Principal				325,000.00				325,000.00
Interest				133,655.00				133,655.00
Service Charge				15.00				15.00
Total				458,670.00				458,670.00



## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **Report of the Superintendent**

#### **EDUCATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE GENERAL COURT**

While a recent opinion of the New Hampshire Attorney-General focused on tuition liability for the handicapped, the fact is that it could well have been a broadside, raising further conjecture about the relationship between the state and school districts with respect to financial responsibility. However, specific individuals were concerned, including parents of the handicapped who found themselves in the position of being asked to pay for part of their children's education and pressure was brought to bear on this one issue, resulting in a request from the Department of Education for a ruling.

The problem stemmed from a conflict within the framework of the statutes. On the one hand, state law mandated the education of every handicapped child who could profit from an education, but within the same legislative frame of reference held school districts liable for an amount of tuition not to exceed the state average liability -- based on expenses of the previous year. And thus did the General Court leave its legacy; parents and local school boards now were pitted one against the other, each citing different statutes. Compounding the issue were dramatically increasing costs for conducting programs for the handicapped -- far exceeding state average tuition liability -- and the promulgation of federal legislation which decreed that children would be provided with a free, appropriate education. In any event, the Attorney-General has opined that the local school district now is responsible for the education of the handicapped and, unless further clarifying legislation is adopted at the state level, will be required to pay more than the state average tuition liability.

The final draft of the United States Constitution left the matter of education to the states, even though one might have the feeling that the federal government today is dictating much that goes on in our schools. Implementation of this power, or authority, has been accomplished in different ways. Certain states have financed education to the

point of dictating nearly all of the educational programs; other state governments have enacted legislation designed to provide substantial support to the local community. It should follow that if a state constitution incorporates responsibility for the education of its youth, then steps ought to be taken to assure an equality of educational opportunity; not all local communities are uniformly wealthy. Because some have been concerned that the financial efforts of the state have been found wanting, a number of court cases have resulted in a charge to state legislatures to find a more equitable means of providing necessary funds; in other words, the traditional property tax is now viewed to be discriminatory.

New Hampshire has been last in state support for many years; local districts, on an average, provide about ninety per cent of the funds required to operate their schools. This is not to be taken that the legislature, or General Court, has been completely remiss in its responsibility to provide for educational support; the concern of local districts has been the lack of funding or full implementation of laws designed to aid education. It is unfortunate that school board members, as well as the public in general, have come to consider state aid with an attitude representative of something less than enthusiasm. Caught in the web is the State Board of Education and its agent, the Department of Education, for the question frequently is raised relative to what may be lost if we do not conform to regulations of the State Board of Education. If we consider only financial support, probably very little. The irony is that if one presumes that the Board of Education was created to exercise the will of the General Court in executing the Constitution, it has relatively little clout. Full funding of statutes has not been the rule; foundation aid as originally conceived has been under-subscribed for years; incentive aid to cooperative school districts and those which have entered into AREA agreements has been funded at approximately a one-third level.

Currently, much is being written and said about educational accountability. The State Board of Education has been developing guidelines for several years. Simultaneously, there has been similar movement in the General Court. There is no opposition to the concept of accountability; the concern is with the manner in which it will be



accomplished. Presumably, it will require additional funding -- at both the local and state levels if it is to be effective. If history is precedent, local districts can look forward to providing much -- if not all -- of the financial support.

Perhaps it is time for the residents of New Hampshire to re-examine the relationship between the state and local community. Do tax-payers still wish to provide most of the support for education at the local level? If so, should they determine what they are going to spend for education? Or are people still willing to send representatives to the General Court and let that body impose statutory requirements involving financial commitments of the community? While weighing these two options, it is within the realm of possibility that the present method of educational support, i.e. property tax, could be challenged in court. One need only look at statistics to realize that the wealth of school districts varies substantially; many so-called smaller districts in New Hampshire have a correspondingly meager tax base. Can they, without extra effort, carry out the intent of our forefathers and maintain a program that represents equality of educational opportunity, one which compares favorably with that of larger and wealthier districts? If any form of financial accountability is to be imposed upon school districts, perhaps it is in order for the inhabitants of this state to require that members of the General Court be held answerable for their actions. One of the largest law-making bodies in the world, there can be no excuse for a citizen not being heard; the state legislature has enough members to effectively provide for close liaison. The actions in Concord should reflect the will of the local populace -- whatever that will is.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Amherst Elementary School

As of January 3, 1978 the enrollment in the elementary school is as follows:

Readiness	34	Grade III	188
Grade I	184	Grade IV	203
Grade II	202	Total	811

As we began the 1977-78 school year there were some new faces on our staff. In the main office, Mr. Stanley J. Szabunka became assistant principal. His knowledge of the curriculum as well as many other educational areas, have become a very valuable resource to our system. Another new face was that of Mrs. Patricia Albertini as the school secretary.

Other staff changes this year include the following:

#### Clark School

Sandra Leyh	Physical Education
Jewell Batchler	Library Aide
Barbara L'Homme	Grade II

#### Wilkins School

Melissa Pollak	Grade I
Sara Hart	Grade II
James Harris	Grade III
Maureen Keenan	Grade IV
Kathleen McIntyre	Librarian
Doris Nolan	Aide - Grade III
Priscilla Boone	Aide - Grade IV

The Reading Curriculum Committee which reviewed the reading area this summer presented a revised continuum. The School Board approved the Reading Continuum, R - 8, in early September. Some of this year's budget reflects the working of this committee. During the school year all curriculum areas have been meeting to review and make recommendations for changes.

During the second week of September, the teachers had an evening meeting with parents and friends to explain the goals for students in the classroom. It also gave the parents and teachers a chance to exchange educational ideas.

Another opportunity for parents, friends and students to view our school was the very successful Open House. During my two-plus years as Principal of the Elementary

School, I had never seen as large an attendance at any school event. It is very rewarding to see as many families attending a school function since parents around the country are becoming more and more concerned about the educational programs their children are receiving. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences were held during the second week of November. It gave parents another opportunity to discuss their child's progress.

Through the cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association, we have had several assembly programs. The P.T.A. also assisted in presenting our Christmas Program, "Christmas Is." Mrs. Marguerite Brockway directed the fourth grade chorus and flutophones for this program.

During the spring, we will be having a field day program with all students participating in physical activity. Mr. David April and Mrs. Sandra Leyh will coordinate this event. In March, the Eye and Ear Clinic will coincide with our First Grade Registration. Students who are six years of age before October 1 are eligible for entrance in the fall of 1978.

As I conclude my third year, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the parents of this community who have made these three years very rewarding. Without a doubt, Amherst has one of the most successful Parent-Volunteer Programs. Without their assistance and interest, we would have to change a lot of our programs.

I would like to thank the teaching staff for giving their best to make our educational programs student oriented.

Finally, I would like to thank the School Board, Superintendent's Office, and Parent-Teacher's Association for all the assistance they have given me, as well as the staff and students at the Clark-Wilkins Schools.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Amherst Middle School**

The 1977-78 school year began with great expectations. During the summer, a new idea for scheduling classes in the special subjects areas was developed. The program called for a tri-semester calendar, which was a major change from our quarterly calendar.

Under this new system, each student attends a special subjects class for a full tri-semester. Upon completion of the twelve-week period, the student rotates to the next area assigned. For example, if a student started the year in music, in December he would change to art, and in late March he would be assigned to home economics and/or industrial arts. The success of this schedule change has been most beneficial to all students. A longer continuous experience on a daily basis has provided excellent progress on projects.

For the first time since opening the Middle School, we proposed a commercially-printed report card. We initiated no further revision of our report card since the parental survey of 1974 (plus the partial follow-up last year) indicated a very favorable response to our present card.

Every school year adds a few faces to the Middle School staff: Mr. James Foley, instrumental music; Mr. Samuel Giarrusso, grade five; Mr. James Husbands, grade five; Mr. Richard Vassar, grade six; Mrs. Patricia Fuller, grade six; Mrs. Patricia Bovay, grade seven; Mrs. Lillian Edwards, grade seven; Mrs. Charlene Carper, grade seven; and Mr. Paul Maruszewski, physical education were replacement for teachers leaving Amherst or hired as a result of expanding enrollment. We see a continued staff expansion for the 1978-79 school year as enrollment figures continue to increase.

The summer was also utilized to develop a reading continuum, grades one through six, plus remedial reading in grades seven and eight. The staff selected from the Elementary and Middle Schools worked for four weeks to revise and develop a program based on skills and objectives.

Amherst continued to be successful in receiving federal monies from three projects which were written and funded. Mrs. Marcia Perry wrote a \$1500 mini-grant titled

Project SMILE. This project assists in the establishment of an individualized music program for eighth graders. The results and interest shown by the students has been excellent.

Mr. Paul Collins wrote a grant for the study of a systems management approach to school district operation that received \$4500 for the 1977-78 school year. This grant allows the school board, administrators, and teachers to compare two separate methods of operation - Project CYCLE from Newton, New Jersey, and the Results Planning Process from the Center for Constructive Change being used in Peterborough.

Mr. Collins is presently working with six other principals from Bedford, Nashua, Hampstead, Laconia, Londonderry and Gilford on a Middle School project. This committee has written a planning grant to study contemporary practices of age and learner characteristics of the ten to fourteen-year-old child. This project was funded for \$8,000. A new project involving the same people has been submitted for approximately \$60,000 per year for the next three school years.

Project SURVIVE, written by Mr. Bruce McCullough, science curriculum coordinator, is in its third and final year of funding. The results and enthusiasm for our agricultural program from the staff, students and community has been outstanding. The raising of crops has provided students with a new learning experience as well as contributing to the home economics phase of the program.

The morale, discipline and attitude of our students this year is excellent. I must personally thank our eighth graders for having an excellent class and setting the tone for the entire student body.

I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rayment for their leadership and assistance to the Amherst schools, as P.T.A. presidents; Mr. Richard Crocker and the Amherst Highway Department for the care of the fields and snow removal; the teachers and supportive staff for dedication and excellence; the superintendent of schools and his staff for continued service and the school board for its foresight and wisdom during difficult times.

ROLAND L. SCHOEPPF, Superintendent of Schools

HERBERT F. OLIVER, Principal, Elementary Schools

PAUL D. COLLINS, Principal, Middle School

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD**

**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977**

Total Receipts	\$2,877,289.75
Total Expenditures	2,691,715.51
General Fund Balance	<hr/> \$ 185,574.24

**RECEIPTS IN DETAIL**

**Revenue from Local Sources**

Current Appropriations	\$2,596,321.93
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Permanent	
Funds & Endowments	\$ 1,185.71
Earnings from Temporary	
Deposits & Investments	6,705.96
Rent	1,715.50
Other	9.00
	<hr/> 9,616.17

**Revenue from State Sources**

School Building Aid	\$71,432.81
Sweepstakes	61,044.56
Foster Children Aid	400.00
Other Revenue from State Sources	4,820.94
	<hr/> 137,698.31

**Revenue from Federal Sources**

School Lunch & Special Milk	\$29,575.16
Public Law 874	5,190.37
Title VI	4,656.33
Other Revenue from Federal Sources	7,240.71
	<hr/> 46,662.57

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\$2,790,298.98

Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year,  
July 1, 1976

General Fund	86,990.77
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Total Net Receipts	<hr/> \$2,877,289.75
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**PAYMENT IN DETAILS**  
**July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977**

<b>100 Series Administration</b>		
110 Salaries of Officers	\$2,267.54	
135 Contracted Services	4,325.00	
190 Other Expenses	3,418.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,010.64
<b>200 Series Instruction</b>		
210 Salaries	\$1,052,908.10	
215 Textbooks	7,557.92	
220 School Libraries and A.V.	18,254.98	
230 Teaching Supplies	46,143.69	
235 Contracted Services	8,769.39	
290 Other Expenses	4,356.11	
	<hr/>	1,137,990.19
<b>300 Series Attendance Services</b>		50.00
<b>400 Series Health Services</b>		
410 Salaries	\$13,000.00	
490 Other Expenses	542.08	
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<b>500 Series Transportation</b>		
535 Contracted Services	\$123,090.90	
590 Other Expenses	12,643.15	
	<hr/>	135,734.05
<b>600 Series Operation of Plant</b>		
610 Salaries	\$65,165.13	
630 Supplies, Except Utilities	8,815.21	
635 Contracted Services	4,749.41	
640 Heat for Buildings	43,196.44	
645 Utilities, Except Heat	32,998.21	
	<hr/>	154,924.40
<b>700 Series Maintenance of Plant</b>		
725 Replacement of Equipment	\$ 950.60	
726 Repairs to Equipment	1,241.85	
735 Contracted Services	31,345.61	
766 Repairs to Buildings	3,670.07	
790 Other Expenses	215.00	
	<hr/>	37,423.13



<b>800 Series Fixed Charges</b>		
850.1	Employees' Retire. System	\$ 5,073.89
850.2	Teachers' Retire. System	18,380.92
850.3	F.I.C.A.	64,036.06
855	Insurance	12,781.00
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		100,271.87
<b>900 Series School Lunch &amp; Spec. Milk</b>		29,575.16
<b>1000 Series Student Body Activities</b>		3,700.00
<b>1100 Series Community Activities</b>		2,444.35
<b>1200 Series Capital Outlay</b>		10,040.18
<b>1300 Series Debt Service</b>		
1370	Principal of Debt	\$235,000.00
1371	Interest on Debt	144,760.00
1390	Other Debt Service	10.35
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		379,770.35
<b>1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts</b>		
1477.1	Tuition	\$580,423.40
1477.3	Supervisory Union Share	51,758.83
1479.1	Tuition to Private	
	Nonsectarian Schools	29,039.76
1479.2	Transportation to Private	
	Nonsectarian Schools	15,017.12
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		676,239.11
<b>Grand Total Net Expenditures</b>		<hr/>
		\$2,691,715.51

## BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1977

### ASSETS

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1977	
General Fund	\$185,574.24
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	893.53
Adult Education	252.50
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Total Assets	\$186,720.27
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	0.00
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Grand Total	\$186,720.27

### LIABILITIES

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1977	
Emotionally Disturbed Fund	\$ 893.53
Adult Education	252.50
Accounts Owed by District	
Accounts Payable	84,300.35
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Total Liabilities	\$ 85,466.38
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	101,273.89
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Grand Total	\$186,720.27

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration.

RONALD L. POMERLEAU

EDITH B. CARSON

HERBERT C. STEARNS

School Board

ROLAND L. SCHOEPF, Superintendent

August 25, 1977

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations except \$2,000 due

September 15, 1966 issued in \$1,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1966-1980.

Rate: 3.30%.

Coupon Amount	\$16.50-\$1,000	\$82.50-\$5,000	
Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	\$9,025.50	\$547,000	---
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	\$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	---
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	---
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	---
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	---
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	---
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35,000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	---
9-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	---
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	---
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	---
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	---
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	---
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000
3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	---
9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	---
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	---
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

# **AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS**

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable February 1 and August 1.

Principal Maturing: 1969-1983.

Rate: 4.20%.

Coupon Amount: \$105.00-\$5,000.00

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	\$3,570.00	\$170,000	---
8-1-69	3,570.00	170,000	\$15,000
2-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	---
8-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	---
8-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	---
8-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	---
8-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	---
8-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	---
8-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	---
8-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	---
8-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	10,000
2-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	---
8-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	---
8-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840.00	40,000	---
8-1-80	840.00	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630.00	30,000	---
8-1-81	630.00	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420.00	20,000	---
8-1-82	420.00	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210.00	10,000	---
8-1-83	210.00	10,000	10,000

# **AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS**

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.

Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.

Rate: 6.5 %.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-70	\$12,350.00	\$380,000	---
9-15-70	12,350.00	380,000	\$30,000
3-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	---
9-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	25,000
3-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	---
9-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	25,000
3-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	---
9-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	25,000
3-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	---
9-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	25,000
3-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	---
9-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	25,000
3-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	---
9-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	25,000
3-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	---
9-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	25,000
3-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	---
9-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	25,000
3-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	---
9-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	25,000
3-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	---
9-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	25,000
3-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	---
9-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	25,000
3-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	---
9-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	25,000
3-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	---
9-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	25,000
3-15-84	812.50	25,000	---
9-15-84	812.50	25,000	25,000

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in \$5,000 denominations  
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1  
Principal Maturing 1974-93  
Rate 4.80%

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
8-1-73	\$48,000	\$2,000,000	
2-1-74	48,000	2,000,000	\$100,000
8-1-74	45,600	1,900,000	
2-1-75	45,600	1,900,000	100,000
8-1-75	43,200	1,800,000	
2-1-76	43,200	1,800,000	100,000
8-1-76	40,800	1,700,000	
2-1-77	40,800	1,700,000	100,000
8-1-77	38,400	1,600,000	
2-1-78	38,400	1,600,000	100,000
8-1-78	36,000	1,500,000	
2-1-79	36,000	1,500,000	100,000
8-1-79	33,600	1,400,000	
2-1-80	33,600	1,400,000	100,000
8-1-80	31,200	1,300,000	
2-1-81	31,200	1,300,000	100,000
8-1-81	28,800	1,200,000	
2-1-82	28,800	1,200,000	100,000
8-1-82	26,400	1,100,000	
2-1-83	26,400	1,100,000	100,000
8-1-83	24,000	1,000,000	
2-1-84	24,000	1,000,000	100,000
8-1-84	21,600	900,000	
2-1-85	21,600	900,000	100,000
8-1-85	19,200	800,000	
2-1-86	19,200	800,000	100,000
8-1-86	16,800	700,000	
2-1-87	16,800	700,000	100,000
8-1-87	14,400	600,000	
2-1-88	14,400	600,000	100,000
8-1-88	12,000	500,000	
2-1-89	12,000	500,000	100,000
8-1-89	9,600	400,000	
2-1-90	9,600	400,000	100,000
8-1-90	7,200	300,000	
2-1-91	7,200	300,000	100,000
8-1-91	4,800	200,000	
2-1-92	4,800	200,000	100,000
8-1-92	2,400	100,000	
2-1-93	2,400	100,000	100,000

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on March 15, 1974 in \$5,000 denominations.

Coupons payable September 15 and March 15.

Principal Maturing: 1974-1989.

Rate: 5.00%.

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
9-15-74	\$23,750	\$950,000	—
3-15-75	23,750	950,000	\$65,000
9-15-75	22,125	885,000	—
3-15-76	22,125	885,000	65,000
9-15-76	20,500	820,000	—
3-15-77	20,500	820,000	65,000
9-15-77	18,875	755,000	—
3-15-78	18,875	755,000	65,000
9-15-78	17,250	690,000	—
3-15-79	17,250	690,000	65,000
9-15-79	15,625	625,000	—
3-15-80	15,625	625,000	65,000
9-15-80	14,000	560,000	—
3-15-81	14,000	560,000	65,000
9-15-81	12,375	495,000	—
3-15-82	12,375	495,000	65,000
9-15-82	10,750	430,000	—
3-15-83	10,750	430,000	65,000
9-15-83	9,125	365,000	—
3-15-84	9,125	365,000	65,000
9-15-84	7,500	300,000	—
3-15-85	7,500	300,000	60,000
9-15-85	6,000	240,000	—
3-15-86	6,000	240,000	60,000
9-15-86	4,500	180,000	—
3-15-87	4,500	180,000	60,000
9-15-87	3,000	120,000	—
3-15-88	3,000	120,000	60,000
9-15-88	1,500	60,000	—
3-15-89	1,500	60,000	60,000

## AMHERST SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

### Financial Statement July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Beginning Balance — July 1, 1976		\$ 2,001.50
<b>Receipts</b>		
Lunch Sales — Children	\$52,142.65	
Lunch Sales — Adult	3,726.30	
Reimbursement	26,784.74	
Total Receipts	<hr/>	82,653.69
Total Available		<hr/> \$84,655.19
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Food	\$39,356.93	
Labor	30,094.15	
Equipment	1,616.50	
All Other Expenditures	2,498.09	
Total Expenditures	<hr/>	\$73,565.67
Balance June 30, 1977		<hr/> \$11,089.52
Other Program Resources:		
USDA Commodities Received		
(Wholesale Value) \$10,416.26		

### BALANCE SHEET Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1977

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in Bank	\$11,089.52
Food Inventory (June 30)	420.70
Supplies Inventory (June 30)	250.00
Total Assets	<hr/> \$11,760.22
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Withholding Tax Payable	\$ 336.70
FICA Tax Payable	1,304.06
Other Accounts Payable	3,699.17
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 5,339.93
Working Capital	6,420.29
Total Liabilities and Working Capital	<hr/> \$11,760.22
SHIRLEY V. COPELAND, Lunch Director	



## **SUPERVISORY UNION 41**

### **Administrative Salaries — 1976-77**

#### **A. Superintendent**

State Share		\$ 2,500.00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$12,821.06	
Brookline	2,046.80	
Hollis	8,932.14	
	<hr/>	23,800.00
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		\$26,300.00

#### **B. Business Administrator**

State Share		\$ 2,380.00
Local Share		
Amherst	\$7,594.03	
Brookline	1,212.34	
Hollis	5,290.59	
	<hr/>	14,096.96
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		\$16,476.96

# TITLE I FUNDS — 1976-77

## Supervisory Union 40, 41 and 63

	Project Number	
	71058	71080
Allocation:		
Amherst	\$22,800.00	
Brookline	7,600.00	
Hollis	23,750.00	
Milford	39,900.00	
Mont Vernon	950.00	
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	\$95,000.00	
 Lyndeborough		\$ 1,804.00
Greenville		2,040.00
Mason		4,972.00
New Ipswich		13,887.00
Wilton		14,059.00
Carry forward		7,903.00
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		\$44,665.00
 Expended	\$86,260.75	\$39,609.51
Committed	1,560.02	1,624.22
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	87,820.77	41,233.73
 Balance	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 7,179.23	\$ 3,431.27

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

### **Institutional Policy**

#### **Section I**

Real and Personal Property	\$4,608,788
Wilkins School	
Clark School	(\$500 deductible)
Middle School	
Boiler and Machinery	\$100,000/accident
Person Injury	\$1,000,000 aggregate
Teachers Liability	All Teachers

#### **Section II**

Liability	\$1,000,000 bodily injury \$25,000 property damage
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### **Auto Liability and Physical Damage**

#### **Van & Employers Non-ownership**

Liability	\$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury \$50,000 property damage \$5,000 medical payment ACV Comprehensive \$100 deductible collision
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**Board of Education Liability** \$1,000,000 (\$2,500 deductible)

### **Position Bond**

Treasurer	\$25,000
School Lunch Director	\$10,000

**Workmen's Compensation** \$100,000 statutory

**Nurses' Professional Liability** \$100,000/\$300,000

## AMHERST MASH GRADUATES — 1977

Donald Ainsworth	Peter Donovan Goldsmith
Anne Allwarden*	Brian J. Grier
Heidi Lynn Bacon	Matt Charles Guidmore
Philip Barney	Miranda Sue Haines
Leslie Barrett	David Earl Hart*
Jerome H. Benuck*	Janet Head
Susan Baxter Berlack	Patricia Anne Hopkins
Gerald Robert Bickmore	Anne Roberta Hunt
Diana Marie Bitting	Craig David Johnson
Joan Blackmar	Philip Bradford Johnson
Paula Susan Blakely*	Pamela Dana Jones
Peter Jeffrey Blakeman	Gary Ward Jordan
Victoria E. Bloomfield	Bruce P. Kennedy
Bruce M. Bowler	Lorna D. Kingsbury
Maureen Evelyn Boyle	Mary Ellen Kubis
Marie Elise Brockway	Elizabeth Hope L'Homme
Cynthia Lee Brown	Daniel Labounty
William David Bruce	Christopher G. Lathrop
Stephen Michael Buck	Lorrie Ann Lavallee
Robert Alan Burns*	James Edward Lawson
David Michael Callahan	Kevin Anthony Leach
Christine M. Campbell	Douglas N. Ledoux
Christopher Michael Canady	Robyn Anne Ledoux
Doris M. Carkin	Sheryl Ames Lincoln
Lauren Winona Center	Deborah Lucier
Dorothy L. Chandley	Joseph W. Luongo
Roger Chaput	Kevin R. Lyle
Peter Dickinson Clark*	Cathy A. MacKenzie*
Shane M. Conran	Glen G. MacKenzie
Deborah Ann Cook	Ellen Joy Mantel*
Cindra A. Covert	Susan Mazzola
Richard E. Crocker	David Jay McDonald
Thomas Charles Dadoly	Peter James McDowell
Christopher Jeffrey Davies	Peter R. McGranaghan
Pamela Jeanne Drews	Paul McGrogan
David George Driscoll	R. Kelly Miller
Alison Dunlap	Helen Anne Morrison
Patricia Margaret Flynn*	John Sakora O'Connell
Keith Alan Fotta	Lynn Ellen Osgood
Suzanne Frisch	Sarah Anne Ouellette
Gerard Martin Giarratana	Gabriel Pal

Michael Risley Paquette*	Bruce Gordon Symonds
Karen Louise Parsons	Gregory Russell Terkow
Brenda Lee Perkins	Linda J. Thatcher
David James Pfeifer	Michael John Thibodeau
Frank Stephen Powell	Michael Peter Thomas
Dana Craig Powers	Anna Marie Thunberg
Ellen Jean Puglisi*	Eric Thunberg
April-Leigh Ryan	Denise Marie Tiralla*
Maureen Ellen Ryan*	Janice Louise Warn
Paul Michael Savage	Steven Jon Weiser
Brian Peter Shenko	Idy Weisman
Wayne A. Simoes	Debra F. Wenzel
Robert Michael Smith	Jennifer Ann Whittemore
Catherine Mary Soucy	Deborah Ann Williamson
David I. Spalding	Jayne Marguerite Wood
Christine Lorraine Speak	Raymond Brainard Woolson, III*
Laura Mae Stearns	Elizabeth Young
Peter Christian Strobel	James Steven Young
Michael John Sweeney	

\*National Honor Society

# GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

1976-77

Unrepeated State Registration 1570

Boys 832

Girls 738

## Enrollment by Grades:

I	253	V	175
II	189	VI	195
III	191	VII	185
IV	195	VIII	187

Average Membership in Grades 1-8 1489.3

Percent of Attendance in Grades 1-8 94.6%

## Number of Sessions in All Schools

Elementary	360
Middle	360

## Teaching Positions

Full-time	78
Part-time	3

## Amherst Tuition Pupils Attending Milford AREA Schools 1976-77

IX	184	XI	140
X	166	XII	134

P.G. 2

Trainable Class 2

Resource Room 2

# AMHERST SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT 1977-78

Ages as of 9/1/77	Total	Boys	Girls	Public Schools within District	Public Schools outside District	Parochial Schools outside District	Private Schools within District	Private Schools outside District	Reached 14 or 16, completed Elementary but not High School	Completed High School
Less than 1 year	36	20	16							
1	84	42	42							
2	77	40	37							
3	107	61	46							
4	139	74	65				86	1		
5	130	70	60				111	2		
6	177	99	78	175	1	1				
7	203	101	102	200		1		2		
8	201	109	92	196				5		
9	193	87	106	189		2		2		
10	232	128	104	230		1		1		
11	180	98	82	179				1		
12	204	103	101	203				1		
13	197	116	81	162	23	9		3		
14	211	119	92	8	162	36		5		
15	214	96	118	4	169	28		13		
16	191	94	97		169	14		8		
17	174	87	87		114	5		35	4	16
18	148	79	69		25	1		90	5	27
Total	3098	1623	1475	1546	663	98	197	169	9	43

# TEACHER ROSTER

## Amherst Elementary Schools

Name	Exp.	Assignment	College	Degree
Oliver, Herbert	12	Principal	University of New Hampshire	M Ed
Szabunka, Stanley	14	A Principal	Boston University	C A G S
April, David	1	Physical Ed	Plymouth State College	B S
Austin, Joel	5	Guidance	Antioch College	M ED
Barlick, Michael	5	Grade 4	Keene State College	B E
Barry, Patricia	4	Grade 2	Westfield State College	B S
Bauer, Margaret	1	Music p t	Boston University	M A
Bean, Sandra	14	Grade 2	Keene State College	B E
Brockway, Marguerite	9	Music	American University	M A
Brown, Pamala	7	Grade 3	Keene State College	B E
Chicoine, Carolyn	11	Grade 4	University of Vermont	B S
Collins, Patricia	10	Grade 2	State College at Boston	B S Ed
DeCamp, Carolyn	3	L D	Fitchburg State College	B S
Deisle, Laurette	8	Grade 3	Rivier College	B A
Dwyer, Richard	1	Reading Cons	Suffolk University	M Ed
Dyer, Sarah	11	Grade 2	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
Hamilton, Joy	6	Grade 3	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
Harris, James	10	Grade 3	San Francisco State University	M A
Hart, Sara	0	Grade 2	Keene State College	B S Ed
Head, Nancy	11	L D	Keene State College	M Ed
Keenan, Maureen	2	Grade 4	Rivier College	B A
Lambarth, Addie Ann	7	Grade 4	Plattsburgh State College	M S
Lantaff, Denise	14	Grade 1	Notre Dame College	B A
Lathrop, Cynthia	14	Grade 4	Skidmore College	B S
Lewandowski, Donna	9	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	B S
Leyh, Sandra	6	Physical Ed p t	Temple University	B S
L'Homme, Barbara	0	Grade 2	Keene State College	B S Ed
Lovell, Eleanor	4	Readiness	Simmons College	B S
Maston, Linda	4	Readiness	Lesley College	B S
McCormack, Margaret	13	Grade 4	Keene State College	B E
McEnnis, Shirley	9	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
McGovern, Lee	3	Grade 3	Salem State College	B S
McIntyre, Kathleen	1	Librarian	Univ. of Pittsburgh	M L S
Nason, Julie	5	Grade 4	Univ. of Connecticut	M A
Piotrowski, Suzanne	6	Grade 1	Rivier College	B A
Pollak, Melissa	1	Grade 1	Alfred University	B A
Prescott, Mary	2	Art p t	Univ. of New Hampshire	B S
Reyns, Priscilla	2	Grade 1	Keene State College	B S
Robinson, Paulina	5	Grade 4	Plymouth State College	B S
Rondo, Audrey	12	Grade 2	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
Salfa, Nichola	2	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	B A
Scagnelli, Janet	5	Grade 3	Rivier College	B A
Sullivan, Leshe	4	Grade 3	Salem State College	B S Ed
Tendler, Roberta	8	Grade 2	American University	M E
Trudo, Christina	11	Readiness	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
Tyrrell, JoAn	10	Art	Texas Western University	B A
Webb, Anne	3	Grade 2	Trenton State College	B S
Zis, Cassandra	7	Grade 1	Univ. of New Hampshire	M Ed
Bachtler, Jewell	Aide		McGeoch, Rosahe	Nurse
Boone, Priscilla	Aide		Albertini, Patricia	Secretary
Campbell, Bonnie	Aide		Brassard, Lawrence	Custodial Foreman
Hoag, Ann	Aide		Copeland, Kenneth	Custodian
Houston, Marion	Aide		Gruignale, Robert	Custodian
Lefebvre, Mary	Aide		Lantaff, Ross	Custodian
Nolan, Doris	Aide		Gorton, Estelle	School Lunch
Sickler, Evelyn	Aide		Swanson, June	School Lunch
Bowler, Marcia	School Lunch		Pal, Carolina	School Lunch
Goodman, Georgia	School Lunch		Pezzullo, Alice	School Lunch



## TEACHER ROSTER

### Amherst Middle School

Name	Exp.	Assignment	College	Degree
Collins, Paul	19	Principal	State College at Boston	M E
Bacon, Jerry	2	Grade 6	Keene State College	B S
Barry, Marilyn	5	Art	Syracuse University	B F A
Bovay, Patricia	3	English	Middlebury College	M A
Burrall, Leigh	3	Social Studies	Fitchburg State College	B S
Burrall, Linda	1	Soc. St. I. A	Fitchburg State College	B S
Caron, Lucie	3	French-Spanish	Rivier College	B A
Carper, Charlene	1	Social Studies	Illinois State University	B S Ed
Cormier, Roger	2	Ind. Arts	Fitchburg State College	B S
Cortellino, Joanne	8	Grade 5	Rivier College	B A
DeCamp, Gene	3	Social Studies	Fitchburg State College	B S
Edwards, Lillian	6	English	Univ. of Hartford	M A
Ernst, Robert	3	Science	Boston State College	B S
Floryan, Kathleen	3	Physical Ed	Univ. of Maine	B S Ed
Foley, James	0	Instr. Music	Univ. of New Hampshire	B Music
Fuller, Patricia	3	Grade 6	Plymouth State College	B S
Gasser, Toni Beth	3	Grade 5	Univ. of Hartford	B S
Giarrusso, Samuel	0	Grade 5	Plymouth State College	B S
Hendershot, Darlene	8	English	Univ. of New Hampshire	B A
Husbands, James	4	Grade 5	Suffolk University	M A
Jonson, Arthur	2	Mathematics	Bates College	B A
Kelley, Timothy	2	Mathematics	Holy Cross College	B A
Kenne, Joyce	13	Librarian	Eastern Michigan University	B S
LaBarre, Patricia	2	Home Economics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B S
Langille, Kyle	3	Home Economics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B S
Manley, Jonathan	5	Science	Keene State College	B E
Martin, Mary Alyce	17	Grade 6	Boston College	M Ed
Maruszewski, Paul	2	Physical Ed	Springfield College	B S
McCullough, Bruce	8	Science	Univ. of New Hampshire	M A T
Miley, Pamela	16	Grade 6	Univ. of Michigan	M A Ed
Nadeau, Donna	2	French-Spanish	Univ. of New Hampshire	B A
Nielsen, Elden	15	Music	Mankato State College	M S
Olsen, Robert	3	Ind. Arts	Central Connecticut State	B S
Panagoulis, Janet	7	Grade 5	St. Joseph's College	B A
Pena, Michael	11	Grade 6	Lyndon State College	B S Ed
Perry, Marcia	23	Music	Rivier College	M E
Pichette, Noella	14	French p t	Univ. of New Hampshire	B A
Price, Jill	8	Mathematics	Univ. of New Hampshire	B A
Reid, Ronald	5	Art	SUNY at Buffalo	B S
Roberts, Patricia	9	Grade 5	Ohio State University	B S
Scollin, George	8	Guidance	Salem State College	Ed M
Shaw, Elizabeth	24	English	Tufts University	B A
Sirois, Diane	9	Grade 5	Rivier College	B A
Stoelting, Dayle	8	Reading	Univ. of Chicago	M S T
Sullivan, Christine	3	L D	Boston College	A B
Tumas, Paul	3	Social Studies	Univ. of Maine	M A
Vassar, Richard	1	Grade 6	Fitchburg State College	B S Ed
Walter, John	8	Science	Keene State College	B E
Beauvais, Linda	Aide		Caulfield, Hope	Nurse
Leblanc, Donna	Aide		Duval, Patricia	Secretary
Marshall, June	Library Aide		Hamel, Arthur	B & G Supervisor
Marshall, Maureen	Guidance Aide		Clark, David	Custodian
Trevathan, Paula	Aide		Smith, Richard	Custodian
White, Margaret	Aide		True, Brett	Custodian
Copeland, Shirley	Dir., School Lunch		Morrello, Richard, Sr	Custodian
Carr, Josephine	School Lunch		Gall, Anna	School Lunch
Ledger, Dorothy	School Lunch		Decostis, Elaine	School Lunch
Michaud, Maureen	School Lunch			

# REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION

1976-77

Jan. J. Tigchelaar, M.D., School Physician

Hope M. Caulfield, R.N., School Nurse

Rosalie McGeoch, R.N., School Nurse

## Report of School Nurses

Vision Tests	1,550
Hearing Tests	1,550
Inspections	2,400
Heights	1,550
Weights	1,550
First Aid	5,760
Medication	3,500

## Communicable Diseases

Chicken Pox	93
Pediculosis	55
Impetigo	17
Ring Worm	6
Conjunctivitis	10
Strep Throat	100
Scabies	8

## Defects Found by School Nurses

	Defects	Treatment
Vision	24	24
Hearing	6	6
Teeth	4	4
Tonsils	3	3

## Clinics and Special Referrals

Dental	4
Pre-School Clinic	270
No. of Home Visits — Contacts by School Nurses	2,050
Tests:	
Tine Test (Staff)	0
Mantoux Test	0
Chest X-Ray	1
Blood Pressure checks	200

## SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

### March 4, 1977

Moderator Creelev Buchanan called to order the Annual District Meeting at 8:07 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 1977 at the Wilkins School. A total of 141 voters were admitted by checklist.

Article 1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district. Ronald Pomerleau moved that this article be passed over and acted upon under Article 7. Seconded and passed.

Article 2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Herbert Stearns moved that we accept all reports as printed in the Town Report. Seconded and passed.

Article 3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Ronald Pomerleau moved that this article be passed over and acted upon after Article 6. Seconded and passed.

Article 4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Mr. Stearns moved the question as read. Seconded and passed.

Article 5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to reroof the south side of the roof of the Wilkins School original building running from the administrative offices to the new addition, and to patch that portion of the roof over the classrooms of the original building. Mr. Pomerleau moved the question. Seconded. Mr. Richard Connolly, business administrator of Union 41, noted leaks last summer. Motion passed.

Article 6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for architectural fees and site preparation for renovation of and an addition to the Clark School. Mr. Stearns moved that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for architectural fees and site preparation for renovation of and an addition to the Clark School; said monies to be kept in a segregated account and to be used only for architectural fees or building costs or to be returned to the Town. Seconded. The rapid increase in student population with an anticipated 850 students and 34 teachers for the 1977-78 school year and a need for 8 additional classrooms was cited by Mrs. Puddington, noting an estimated cost of \$450,000 - \$500,000 with a special meeting for a bond issue planned for September 1977. Article 6 passed.

Mr. Pomerleau moved that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a building committee of not less than 7 nor more than 11 members for the renovation and addition to the Clark School. Seconded and passed. Mr. Pomerleau then moved that Orson Bragdon, Town Auditor, be elected to serve as school auditor and that the audit for the School District be kept separate from any outside independent audit for which the Town may contract. Seconded. Arnold Dickinson moved that the name of Garret Cowenhoven be added. Seconded and passed. Amended article carried.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Mr. Pomerleau moved that \$3,181,818.47 be raised and appropriated. Seconded. Mrs. Puddington and Mr. Connolly presented the budget with figures shown on a large screen corresponding with those given voters entering the hall. Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting. Mr. Stearns paid tribute to Mrs. Puddington, who is not seeking re-election, noting that she had given inspiration and assumed leadership setting direction for the district, which was followed by a sustained rising vote of thanks.

Mr. Buchanan reminded the voters of election day March 8. Mr. G.W. Brown moved adjournment, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, School Clerk

## SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

### December 16, 1977

A special School District meeting at the Wilkins School was called to order by moderator Creeley Buchanan at 8:03 P.M. on Friday, December 16, 1977. Voters were admitted by checklist supervisors Audrey Spalding and Robert Wishart.

Moderator Buchanan read the call and Herbert Stearns of the School Board moved adoption of the article as read. Seconded.

Ronald Pomerleau reviewed the history noting the vote for \$15,000 for architectural fees and site preparation for an addition to the Clark School at the annual school meeting of March 4, 1977, with appointment of a building committee of 7-11 members. This committee chose the firm of Page/Michaelis and made its recommendations to the School Board. Herbert Oliver, principal of Clark-Wilkins schools, explained the proposed changes and addition of two classrooms.

Mr. Pomerleau showed a chart of projected student enrollments, noting that there are 811 students at the present time, where 812 is projected for September 1978. The capacity of the two schools is 920 students, so addition of two classrooms would alleviate crowding and gain time. Renovations alone would not qualify for state building aid.

Roland Schoepf, superintendent of Supervisory Union 41, spoke of financing, noting the district is eligible for 30% state aid. He suggested the School Board would advertise for bids for a 3-year note.

Mr. Buchanan read a letter from Frank Whaland, chairman of the Building Committee, stating his personal views that the board had not followed the recommendations of the committee (letter attached to file copy of minutes). Mr. Pomerleau explained that the board had substituted some items it felt were more necessary, but that very little changes were made. Other members of the Building Committee stated that they did not agree with Mr. Whaland.

Mr. Mendolosky of the Ways and Means Committee stated that it had just received the breakdown of expenditures for the renovations and had not taken a position. It was noted that no money amount was mentioned in the motion of Mr. Stearns. G.W. Brown moved the amount of \$265,000 be inserted. Seconded. So voted.

Moderator Buchanan read the amended motion as follows:

I move that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$265,000 for the construction of an addition to the existing Clark Elementary School, for alterations and renovations to said building, for originally equipping and furnishing said addition and renovations, including architectural and other service fees, site development, and any other items incidental to or necessary for such construction, on land presently owned by the Amherst School District; that the Amherst School Board be authorized to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes upon the credit of the Amherst School District in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 33, as amended; that the Amherst School District be authorized to invest said moneys and to use the interest earned thereon for said projects; that the Amherst School Board be authorized to obtain State and other aid which may be available; and that the Amherst School Board be authorized to

determine the time and place of payment of principal and interest, fixing the rate of interest, the provisions for the sale of notes and/or bonds, and all other matters in connection therewith.

Polls were opened from 9:08 P.M. to 10:08 P.M. for a yes/no vote by ballot with Kenneth Lovell and Paul Rayment assisting the supervisors of the checklist. G.W. Brown and Elliot Lyon tallied the vote. There were 84 votes cast - needed to pass, 56; yes - 60, no - 24. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, School District Clerk



## OFFICE HOURS of TOWN OFFICERS

### Selectmen

Town Hall: Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

### Selectmen's Secretary

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Town Clerk

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

### Tax Collector

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

### Zoning Administrative Official

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

### Library

Main St.: Mon. & Tues.	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### General Information

Town Office Telephones 673-6041 and 673-6048

Town Clerk — Tax Collector

Selectmen — Recreation Director

Zoning Administrator

Fire Chief 673-2934

Road Agent 673-1293

Highway Department 673-2317

Police Department 673-4900

Civil Preparedness — Roy Maston 673-4803

Library 673-2288

### Souhegan Regional Landfill — Rte. 101

#### Dump Sticker Required

Open Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

For Police or any Emergency 673-1414

To Report a Fire 673-3131